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The Wildlife Conservation Society saves wildlife and wild lands. We do so through careful science, international conservation, education, and the management of the world's largest system of urban wildlife parks, led by the flagship Bronx Zoo. Together, these activities change individual attitudes toward nature and help people imagine wildlife and humans living in sustainable interaction on both a local and a global scale. WCS is committed to this work because we believe it essential to the integrity of life on Earth.



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# From New York's Westchester County to India, the work of WCS is the best hope for the world's treasured and threatened wildlife.

DAVID T. SCHIFF

AS YOU READ THIS ANNUAL REPORT, you are taking an important step in conservation action: You are discovering more about the natural world, and connecting with a global organization that is its most effective defender. Your vital involvement in ensuring a future for all species-including our own-begins here.

I am more proud than ever of WCS, our people, and our work to protect wildlife and wild lands. You will learn why within these pages. From our headquarters at the Bronx Zoo, to field projects in the last wild places, to classroom curricula in California and China, no other organization integrates so many unique resources into one tremendous force for conservation.

From New York's Westchester County to Kenya to Bolivia to India, the span of our work is the best hope for our treasured and threatened wildlife. We have identified 50 globally important landscapes and marine habitats across North

America, Latin America, Africa, and Asia to receive our focused attention. We have become the leader in collaborating with governments and governmental entities to manage protected areas, including the world's largest tiger reserve in Myanmar and the national park system in Gabon.

In our own country, through expanded outreach in Washington, D.C., WCS experts are shaping the national dialogue on major issues, from funding for endangered species protection to the need for a "One World, One Health" approach to the monitoring of wildlife, domestic animal, and human diseases.

At our zoos and aquarium in the City of New York, nearly four million visitors a year experience award-winning exhibits that directly connect them to our international projects, and enable them to take meaningful action for wildlife in wild places.

Each year, we serve 100,000 children and hundreds of teachers in the New

York City public school system. Our education programs have received prestigious awards from the National Science Board and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The use of WCS curricula is growing; our materials and methods are used in classrooms in all 50 states, as well as in Cuba, India, and Mexico.

The vast and unparalleled reach from our facilities into classrooms and into the wild has never been so essential. Habitat destruction and human exploitation of natural resources have brought about dramatic declines in wild animal populations. Global warming is no longer just a theory. All the while, complicated and critical environmental issues are far too frequently reduced to sound bites. On the world stage, the voices of environmental advocates must be raised, loudly, so that we can more meaningfully affect decision-makers in a time of increasing globalization.

WCS's mission and resources are perfectly poised to meet this challenge. We base our efforts not only on the protection of key species and habitats, but on the fundamental need to firmly fix humans in the conservation equation—to find solutions that allow people and nature to flourish together, and to inspire individuals to care, become involved, and realize that saving wildlife is, in fact, saving ourselves.

Individual action is at the heart of conservation, and WCS. For nearly 110 years, our work has been driven by the dedication and passion of remarkable men and women. This year, the WCS family lost two such individuals with the deaths of Laurance S. Rockefeller and Frank Y. Larkin. Laurance became a WCS Trustee 70 years ago; Yoke joined the Board in 1973. Each devoted decades of his life to wildlife, and shaped our organization with integrity, commitment, and vision. They helped build the foundation for today's new, emboldened WCS, and their advancement of conservation for the enrichment and survival of humanity lives on as our inspiration.

### Partners, Friends, and Supporters

#### BEST FRIENDS

The Wildlife Conservation Society is deeply indebted to The Robert W. Wilson Fund for matching grant funds that this year totaled more than \$16 million in support of our international conservation programs. The incentive of the challenge match has inspired and attracted essential new support for our work around the globe.

We extend special appreciation to Edith McBean for her wide-ranging support for WCS's international conservation programs, and recognize her philanthropic leadership, which will allow us to leverage significant funding from the United Nations Foundation and UNESCO for our work in Central Africa.

WCS is grateful for the dedicated commitment and generosity of our friends who have each made contributions totaling one million dollars or more this year. We offer our thanks to:

The Christensen Fund, for its scholarship fund and challenge grant to mentor and encourage the brightest young conservationists across the developing world, and the next generation of conservation biologists in Papua New Guinea.

The Liz Claiborne/Art Ortenberg Foundation, for contributions to an array of field conservation programs, including major support for jaguar conservation as well as our work in Myanmar and the forests of Central Africa.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, for support to our international conservation programs, including new grants this year to projects in Papua New Guinea and Colombia.

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, for its continued support of the Gabon national park system, and for its generosity in support of our Amazon basin landscape programs.

The Howard Phipps Foundation, for its leader-ship gift to the Bronx Zoo Renaissance, which will help WCS renew the historic legacy of this great wildlife park while transforming it into a global headquarters for international conservation and a center for conservation education.

The Robertson Foundation, for its powerful gift, which resulted in formal dedication of Tiger Mountain to the employees, both past and present, of Tiger Management Corporation. The impact of this gift will span every facet of WCS far into the future, from the guest experience at the Bronx Zoo to the conservation of big cats in the wild.

In addition, we would like to recognize Eleanor Briggs, Guy Cary, and the Derald H. Ruttenberg Foundation, who this year have joined our circle of Best Friends and Foundations, whose cumulative philanthropy to WCS exceeds one million dollars.

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WCS is grateful to those donors who have provided significant unrestricted support, allowing us to allocate funds where the need is greatest. We extend our appreciation to Enid A. Haupt, The Hess Foundation, Inc., the Irwin Family, New York Community Trust—William E. Flaherty Family Fund, Katharina Otto-Bernstein, The Starr Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Unterberg, Ward W. and Priscilla B. Woods, and an anonymous donor. In addition, WCS is grateful for unrestricted support from the estates of Ruth C. Arps and Elisabeth S. Livingston, and the Agnes Scholl Credit Shelter Trust.

To that special group of philanthropists who during the year supported projects and programs both across the institution for our zoos and aquarium and around the globe for our international conservation programs, we offer our gratitude. Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Brian J. Heidtke, the Irwin Family, the Schiff Family, Allison and Leonard Stern, and two anonymous donors.



A pair of lions rest in the Bronx Zoo's African Plains exhibit, one of the first zoo habitats to juxtapose predators and their prey. In East Africa, WCS field conservationists are studying the ecology and behavior of lions and other carnivores in a livestock-ranching area.



# The best hope for conservation will include the private sector and the non-profit world collaborating in forward-looking partnerships.

DR. STEVEN E. SANDERSON

THREE YEARS AGO IN THESE PAGES I began to talk about the transformation of the Wildlife Conservation Society from an era of conservation-oriented science to an era of science-based conservation action, from a historic New York cultural institution into a global organization. This year I can report that the transformation is well under way.

In 2004, we took the first big steps toward a \$220 million Bronx Zoo and New York Aquarium Renaissance by securing a strong foundation of public and private funding for our capital needs. For the first time in our history, we undertook a tax-exempt debt issue to restore the historic Bronx Zoo campus and "re-master" the Aquarium. We also completed the beautiful Bronx River exhibit-Mitsubishi Riverwalk-which highlights our commitment to local con-

servation in New York. And we have begun the creation of a year-round butterfly exhibit, a unique insect carousel, a new shark exhibit, and a brand-new wild dog habitat that will thrill our visiting public and enhance their appreciation of our role in the world of wildlife conservation action.

We have also launched Greenprint for Tomorrow, a visionary plan that integrates conservation in the field with the curatorial work in our Living Institutions, wildlife health with human poverty and well-being, and scientific research with conservation action. We have reiterated our commitment to wildlife, exploration, and the conservation of great landscapes worldwide. Greenprint for Tomorrow will be the foundation for an extended effort to fund our global conservation work in perpetuity.

This year, I traveled with trustees and staff to Madagascar (page 12), where WCS works with the government, other conservation organizations, and Zoo Zürich to protect a truly spectacular conservation landscape. The collaboration we have accomplished in Madagascar is emblematic of our transformation. In discussions with government officials, private organizations, and local communities there, we have been able to offer a true partnership for conservation, based on long-term local presence, independent funding, and respectful support for the government's efforts to triple the lands under protection.

At home, in 2006, we will complete the \$35 million restoration of the historic Bronx Zoo Lion House. The signature exhibit will be Madagascar!—another landmark WCS exhibit dedicated to conservation. Madagascar! will provide a unique window for our guests to view that island's spectacular wildlife and to support its protection.

One of our most exciting accomplishments has been the inauguration of a partnership with Goldman, Sachs & Co. and the Chilean conservation community to protect 680,000 acres of wild lands in Tierra del Fuego. After extensive discussions, Goldman Sachs transferred ownership of this swath of snow-capped mountains, peat bogs, and old-growth forests to WCS, along with a generous gift to ensure its long-term conservation. Their commitment to an alliance with WCS will help ensure our success.

For some time, I have argued that the best hope for conservation will include the private sector and the non-profit world in forward-looking partnerships. As we put a unique New York stamp on that hope through the Goldman Sachs alliance in Tierra del Fuego, WCS continues to transform its own conservation practice and reconfirms the role of a historic New York cultural institution in the protection of our world for future generations. Hook forward to reporting more exciting achievements next year.

### Partners, Friends, and Supporters

#### LIVING LANDSCAPES

In addition to those named on page 5, we extend special thanks to those donors who provided significant support for our international conservation field programs on multiple continents and oceans around the globe, as well as our cross-cutting programs headquartered in New York.

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Our Living Landscapes program thanks The Tinker Foundation for supporting a review of community-based conservation across Latin America.

#### LIVING INSTITUTIONS

Our Living Institutions benefited from a group of donors who supported our zoos and aquarium in multiple ways, recognizing the need to build state-of-the-art exhibits, to maintain the health and enhance the well-being of our living collections, and to educate the public about the value of wildlife conservation. We are grateful to Jonathan L. Cohen, Susan and Jack Rudin, Virginia and Warren Schwerin, and Joan O. L. Tweedy.

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WCS is particularly grateful to those donors who have offered support for our exhibits. The new Mitsubishi Riverwalk exhibit at the Bronx Zoo received significant gifts from the Charles Hayden Foundation and Mitsubishi International Corporation Foundation. The Bronx Zoo's Madagascar! exhibit received important assistance from The Bodman Foundation, which made a generous grant in honor of longtime WCS Honorary Trustee Guy G. Rutherfurd. Now celebrating its five-year anniversary, the Congo Gorilla Forest exhibit received support from the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Charitable Trust.

The Living Institutions' Animal Enrichment Program received important funding from Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

The Edward John Noble Foundation continued its substantial support of the Wildlife Survival Center on St. Catherine's Island.

WCS's national and international education programs benefited from the generosity of the Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation and Howard Hughes Medical Institute.



White-footed sportive lemurs, or lepilemurs, use large digital pads on their fingers and toes to cling to trees in their native forests of southern Madagascar (above). WCS has been working to conserve wildlife in Madagascar for more than ten years. We are also creating a brand-new exhibit, Madagascar!, at the Bronx Zoo, which will give guests a close-up view of the island's unique wildlife and an opportunity to help us protect it.

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Opposite: Spring meeting of the WCS Board of Trustees. Above: Blythe's hombill at Bronx Zoo.

# wcs at work





**tierra del fuego.** On September 10, the Goldman Sachs Charitable Fund announced a gift of more than 680,000 acres of land on Chile's Tierra del Fuego to WCS, in an alliance that will ensure conservation in the region in perpetuity (above, Goldman Sachs Advisory Director Lawrence H. Linden, WCS President and CEO Steven E. Sanderson, WCS Senior Vice President, International Conservation, John G. Robinson; left, press conference in Chile). WCS Latin America conservationists Graham Harris and Andres Novaro (below) will help preserve this extraordinary land and its wildlife (below, left, guanacos).









wcs in india. In early 2004, two groups of WCS Trustees and Committee members went on safari to India to see where WCS has "wildlife footprints," talk with our field conservationists, and visit cultural landmarks. Clockwise from top: Samuel H. Wolcott III, Mrs. James M. Large, Jr., and Barbara Hearst tour a WCS field site via elephantback; WCS Conservation Zoologist Ullas Karanth in Nagarahole National Park; WCS Trustee Howard and Mary Phipps, Nora Wolcott, and Sam Wolcott on a game-viewing "drive" in a coracle (a traditional round fishing boat) on Nagarahole's Kabini River; WCS President and CEO Steve Sanderson talks with national park personnel. WCS field research in India dates back to the 1960s, with the first-ever scientific study of wild tigers in central India conducted by Vice President of Science and Exploration George Schaller. Ullas Karanth initiated the current WCS-India program in 1986.





# wcs at work













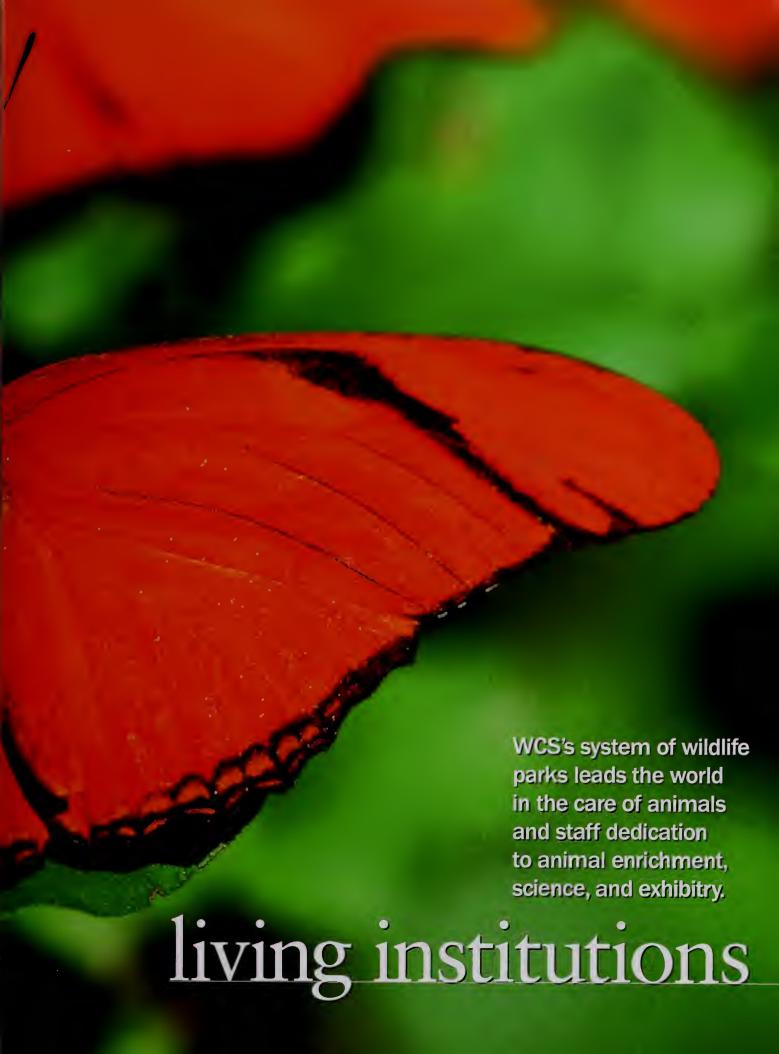
madagascar. WCS has been working to protect wildlife and wild places in Madagascar for more than ten years. In 2003, Madagascar President Marc Ravalomanana pledged to triple the size of his country's protected areas. This page, from top: President Ravalomanana (center) with WCS Trustee Edith McBean, WCS Chairman David Schiff, Madagascar's Permanent Representative to the U.N. Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy; WCS Madagascar conservationists David Meyers (foreground) and Herilala Randriamahazo (in orange); Ambassador Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy and his wife, Elise; WCS staff at Makira project site. Opposite: In July 2004, WCS President and CEO Steve Sanderson led a trip to Madagascar (top) with WCS Trustees Brian J. Heidtke (bottom, left), Walter C. Sedgwick (bottom, right), and Ward W. Woods (far left).











THE LIVING INSTITUTIONS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY PROVIDE AN INCOMPARABLE service to New York City, its residents, and its millions of visitors. Through our four zoos and aquarium, we inform people about the importance of nature and wildlife, inspire people to care about and work for the conservation of wild animals, and set the highest standard for urban wildlife parks in the world.

Maintaining the quality of and creating new visions for exhibits in our wildlife parks require constant attention, and this year was one of the busiest in our long, illustrious history. Design development—in cooperation with animal, construction, horticulture, and other exhibit-essential departments—focused on projects for the next several years as well as the completion of the master plan for our flagship Bronx Zoo. In addition, the Exhibits and Graphic Arts (EGAD) and Operations departments have been working closely on the infrastructure renewal critical to the Bronx Zoo Renaissance. The coming year promises to be a busy one as well, with almost \$56 million in capital construction projects.

The Mitsubishi Riverwalk, a nature trail that winds for a half-mile along the Bronx River, opened on April 15. Located just inside the Bronx Zoo's Bronx Parkway entrance, Riverwalk is open free to the public during the zoo's regular hours. It uses interpretative graphics to introduce visitors to the local wildlife and plants that depend upon the river's health for survival.

# Mitsubishi Riverwalk introduces visitors to local wildlife and plants that depend upon the river's health.

The exhibit offers tips on how individuals can help make a difference to the river ecosystem. The Charles Hayden Foundation Scenic Overlook offers an inspiring view of the river and helps urban residents feel more connected to the natural world. Michael Klemens, a WCS conservation scientist and expert on local wildlife, and Bronx Zoo Curator of Herpetology John Behler took lead roles as science collaborators for the exhibit, which presents strikingly dif-

ferent portraits of nature during each season of the year.

Also at the Bronx Zoo, we refined the design of a year-round Butterfly Garden, slated to replace our extremely popular but seasonal Butterfly Zone.

Guests will walk through a "secret garden" greenhouse filled with live butterflies and flowering plants. Outdoor interpretive sculptures will help visitors understand the importance of insects in ecosystems. The Horticulture Department ordered materials for fall planting to ensure a lush and beautiful Butterfly Garden for the opening in spring 2005.

A But Carousel , the first of its kind, will sit adjacent to the But-

A Bug Carousel—the first of its kind—will sit adjacent to the Butterfly Garden. The EGAD, Admissions, and Transportation de-

During the year, our Living Institutions opened Mitsubishi
Riverwalk at the Bronx Zoo—featuring native plants and
animals, such as the snapping turtle (left)—and planned
future wildlife habitats, including a year-round
Butterfly Garden (pages 14-15) and an exhibit
for African wild dogs (right).





## In Our Own Backyard

THE FEW GREEN SPACES REMAINING within the metropolitan areas along the Atlantic flyway make urban parks crucial oases for birds en route to wintering and summering grounds. This year, the Ornithology Department began collaborating with WCS's North American Program and Metropolitan Conservation Alliance to assess the quality of New York City's parks as migratory bird stopovers. Chad Seewagen and his brother Eric Slayton developed the New York Bird Monitoring Program to determine whether our urban parks are providing the resources birds need during their journeys. As their test location, they set up mist nets along the Bronx River, where it runs through the Bronx Zoo's backyard.

The team carefully removes the birds from the nets, records sex and weight, assesses levels of fat storage, and then bands and releases them. This spring and summer, they counted 275 birds of 33 species (above, a juvenile and adult male Baltimore oriole). Based on their findings, the team will make suggestions as to how urban parks can better provide for Neotropical migrants, to ensure that these busy birds get as much as they can out of their New York minutes.

partments are collaborating with Carousel Works, the largest maker of carousels in the United States, to design and construct the attraction, which will be equipped with giant replicas of real insects upon which guests can sit. The year-round carousel will also open in spring 2005.

In addition, design is under way for an exhibit of African wild dogs at the Bronx Zoo. Initially, the Mammal Department will receive ten captive-born dogs from the DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Sanctuary in South Africa. The pack will consist of four males from one litter and six females from another, all about three years of age. Wild dogs are endangered; perhaps 2,000 to 5,000 remain in all of Africa, and WCS currently supports three wild dog conservation projects, in Kenya, Tanzania, and Botswana.

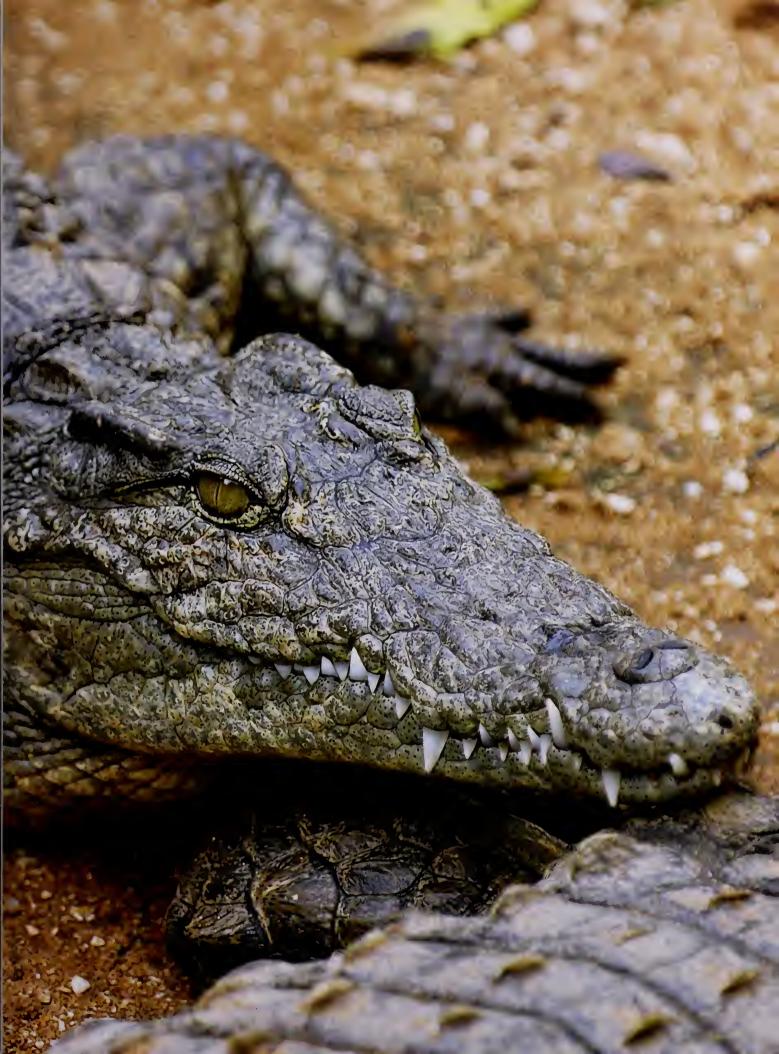
A beautiful day in mid-May 2004 provided a spectacular backdrop for the groundbreaking of the landmark Lion House restoration. Opened in 1903, the building will be restored and transformed into a dual-purpose site, opening in 2006: One side will house an extraordinary new exhibit, Madagascar!, and the other will function as a spacious community meeting and event facility. This project received unanimous approval from the New York City Landmarks Commission and is slated to be the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified landmark structure in New York City. LEED Green Building Rating System<sup>TM</sup> is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Members of the U.S. Green Building Council representing all segments of the building industry developed LEED and continue to contribute to its design. Construction of Madagascar! is scheduled to begin in fall 2004.

Design continued for expansion and renovation of the WCS Wildlife Health Center. Planning sessions were also held for the Aquarium's new Aquatic Animal Health Center.

Congo Gorilla Forest celebrated its fifth year of thrilling zoo visitors with its unprecedented up-close and personal views of two thriving western lowland gorilla groups. This exhibit, the largest ever undertaken by WCS, remains an award-winning model for success in creating naturalistic habitats, raising conservation awareness, and fostering education—and providing memorable visitor experiences.

Since it opened, there have been eight gorillas born, five of them to first-time moms that had been hand-reared themselves

The Bronx Zoo's landmark Lion House, built and opened in the early 1900s, will soon house a spectacular new wildlife habitat, Madagascar! Slated to open in 2006, it will introduce our guests to that island's extraordinary native species, such as lemurs, radiated tortoises, and Nile crocodiles (opposite). In addition, the building is slated to be the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified landmark structure in New York City.

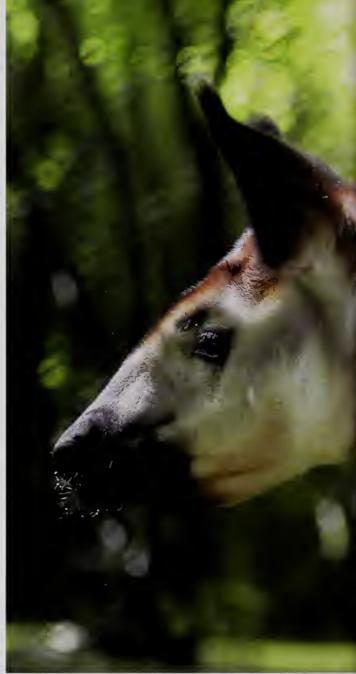


### **David Morales**

LIVING INSTITUTIONS' STAFF WILL GO TO the ends of the Earth to provide the best for the animals in their care. In 2003, Oueens Zoo Wild Animal Keeper David Morales (below) traveled to Ecuador on a grant from the Animal Enrichment Program (see page 28). There he teamed up with WCS conservationist Isaac Goldstein to learn more about the natural habitat of spectacled bears. Morales came home full of ideas about how to enrich the lives of Cisco and Poncho, Queens Zoo's spectacled bear twins. His observations led him to provide Cisco and Poncho with a tree nest for eating, resting, and sleeping, which was fabricated from fire hoses donated by the New York Fire Department.

In 2004, Morales received a second enrichment program grant and spent a week in June with Toni Ruth and other WCS field conservation staff in Yellowstone National Park, learning about the natural history and ecology of cougars. As he did with Cisco and Poncho, Morales plans to take what he learned and create appropriate enrichments for Felix and Cleo, the two 18-month-old Queens Zoo cougars that were orphaned and brought to WCS for protection and care when they were only two months old.

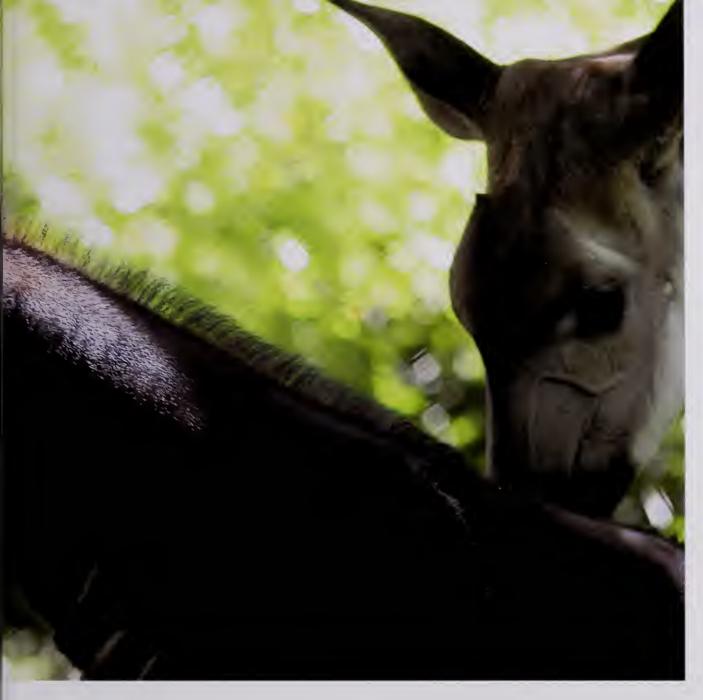




but were subsequently able to rear their own babies in the new exhibit. Six Wolf's guenons and four DeBrazza's monkeys have been born in Congo since 1999. And this year, we welcomed four Red River hog piglets and a female okapi calf. In addition, Curator of Primates Colleen McCann, oversaw the transfer of three of our gorillas to the Louisville Zoo. Among them was Timmy, a 44-year-old silverback, who fathered 13 offspring while he was at the Bronx Zoo. He seems to prefer the company of Louisville's more mature gorillas to that of our rambunctious youngsters.

Tiger Mountain marked its one-year anniversary in mid-May. A splendid gift from Julian and Josic Robertson resulted in formal dedication of the exhibit to the employees, both past

The Bronx Zoo's award-winning exhibit, Congo Gorilla Forest, celebrated its fifth year. Among a number of births in this rain-forest habitat was a female okapi (above). WCS field conservationists study this relative of the giraffe in Central Africa's Ituri Forest.



and present, of Tiger Management Corporation. This exhibit, one of the first initiatives of WCS's Bronx Zoo Renaissance, unifies all aspects of WCS's mission to generate new conservation knowledge, protect species and habitats, and inspire the public to care about wildlife and the natural world. The two habitats at Tiger Mountain—the John Irwin II Tiger Ridge and the C. V. Starr Tiger Valley—have supported a range of enrichment efforts to promote the mental and physical well-being of the extraordinary big cats that call Tiger Mountain home. By the time the exhibit opened, the keeper staff had already accumulated and/or created more than 50 enrichment objects, which were presented to the tigers over the past year.

The Living Institutions' expertise in caring for tigers came into play in a most unusual way last October when Associate General Curator Jim Breheny, Chief Veterinarian Robert Cook, and Clinical Veterinarian Bonnie Raphael responded to a call from the New York Police Department reporting a "pet" tiger in a Harlem apartment. Thanks to the professionalism of

the WCS trio, a full-grown male tiger was safely removed from the inappropriate setting.

WCS is uniquely positioned, not only with leadership roles in both on-site animal husbandry and research at its urban wildlife parks and in-the-field conservation research efforts around the globe, but also in its ability to disseminate valuable information and learning between these arms of our organization. This unparalleled organizational strength is part of what keeps us at the forefront of animal care and conservation. In one example, Nancy Clum, assistant curator of Ornithology, attended a summit meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal, which addressed the alarming decline of vultures in India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. The meeting included a focus on the deadly effects of diclofenac on the scavenging vultures. Diclofenac is a drug widely administered to livestock in the vulture populations' home ranges. Todd Katzner, a WCS research associate, has collaborated with India's Vulture Rescue team and reported on his vulture monitoring project and the effects of diclofenac on Indian vultures in the February 2004 issue of *Wildlife Conservation* magazine. The Peregrine Fund and Bird Conservation Nepal hosted the summit to brief key government officials from each of the vulture's range countries and to gain their commitment to take action. Clum has been appointed as vice-chair of the AZA Raptor TAG (Taxon Advisory Group) subcommittee dealing with the Asian vulture crisis.

Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Park Service, the Herpetology Department completed amphibian and reptile surveys of ten parks, including Acadia National Park in Maine, Fire Island National Seashore and Sagamore Hill Historic Area in New York, and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. This year, the Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland was added to the survey list.

Our offsite Wildlife Survival Center (WSC) on St. Cather-



A new exhibit for thick-billed parrots opened at the Queens Zoo in July. Thickbills (above) are the only living parrots whose natural range once extended into the United States. At Central Park Zoo, two female red pandas were born (opposite, one of the cubs and mother Jenny).

ine's Island in Georgia celebrated its thirtieth anniversary this year. In 1974 the center became the first off-site breeding and research facility for any North American zoological organization. This program is dedicated to the breeding management of the ever-increasing numbers of threatened and endangered species from around the globe, and the center continues to share its knowledge with colleagues worldwide. Bai Dang Phong of the Turtle Conservation Center at Cuc Phuong National Park, Vietnam, spent ten days there, and trained in all aspects of chelonian husbandry and veterinary lab skills.

At the New York Aquarium, WCS staff has been working closely with the Portico Group and zoo and aquarium design consultants to create a new vision. The master plan identifies several phases of work to enhance the guest experience and create a state-of-the-art aquarium. A new shark exhibit will be part of the first phase.

Launched this year, a volunteer dive program is moving along swimmingly, with more than 30 active volunteers diving into major exhibit pools to clean them and interact directly with aquarium visitors. The divers are enthusiastically helping to carry out our mission of sustaining wildlife, teaching ecology, and inspiring our guests to care for nature.

In addition, Aquarium Director Paul Boyle and Diana Reiss, senior research scientist in the Osborn Laboratories for Marine Science, have re-named the marine mammal research program as the Center for Studies on the Evolution of Animal Intelligence. The center will act as a magnet to bring together diverse researchers studying cognition and intelligence in marine and terrestrial species.

After particularly difficult budget negotiations in 2002 with the City of New York, it was especially gratifying this year to receive city support in the form of \$14 million to bring big cats to each of our city zoos. The Central Park Zoo will expand its Temperate Zone with what is often described as the most beautiful cat of all—the endangered snow leopard. Native to the high mountain regions of Asia, the snow leopard represents a relatively unique conservation story in that its habitat remains largely intact, but habitat encroachment by humans is becoming ever more pervasive and lethal to this cat. The wild snow leopard population currently stands at about 5,000 animals, and international captive-breeding programs add more than 600 animals to that total.

Prospect Park Zoo will feature the Amur leopard, an AZA Species Survival Plan species that is currently part of WCS's conservation work in the Russian Far East. The exhibit will be located on the wooded portion of the zoo's Discovery Trail, near the walk-through aviary. And a jaguar exhibit at Queens Zoo will be the entry point to the new Central and South American corridor, a natural expansion of the previously all-North American animal focus.

Central Park Zoo received a grant from the prestigious Insti-



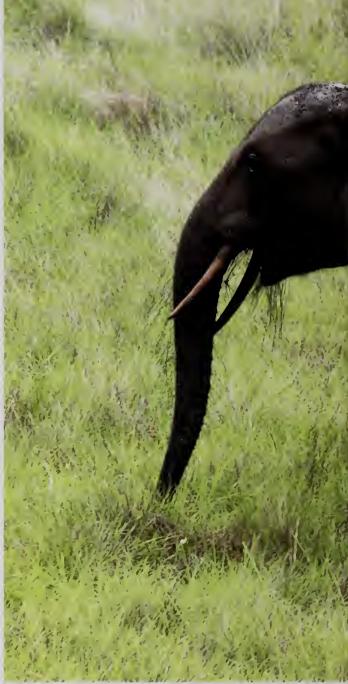
### **WCS Library**

THE WCS LIBRARY ARCHIVES OF SCIentific journals are bursting at their seams. Thirty-eight years of the journal *Ecology* take up 12 feet of shelf space alone. The other 87 scientific journals we receive occupy nearly 90 percent of the remaining space. Over time, there have been half a dozen reshuffling projects to find the space required to meet WCS staff needs for scientific literature. A crisis loomed: Space, the Final Frontier.

Just in the nick of time, "Ejournal" arrived with a solution to our problem. Since 2000, this digital collection has grown from 12 titles to more than 100 electronically delivered journals, which are available to WCS staff with the click of a few computer keystrokes. Due to ease of access, ejournals have become the favored format for receiving scientific journals at the Bronx Zoo. And the knowledge that they occupy no linear space, cannot "walk" out of the library, or be lost warms the heart of Steve Johnson, manager of Wildlife Information Services (below).

In addition, Steve is building WCS's digital archive collection. For a WCS field researcher heading to the Yukon, for example, the library digitized the entire text of a book published in 1911 by a writer who had visited the same area. Subjects ranging from the founding of the Wichita Bison Reserve to special topics in Bronx Zoo history will all soon be available online.





tute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to create its first ever Poet-in-Residence program, with the goal of offering visitors a fully integrated poetry experience. Working with the not-for-profit Poet's House, Zoo Director Dan Wharton spear-headed the project and selected acclaimed poet Sandra Alcosser to identify poems that convey the importance and spirit of conservation. Special graphics treatment will integrate the poems into the overall interpretative experience throughout the zoo.

Scott Silver, Queens Zoo curator of animals, continued his groundbreaking fieldwork monitoring the jaguar population of the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the world's first jag-

WCS field veterinarians assist our research projects around the world. In Gabon's Loango National Park, Field Vet Michael Kock has helped Steve Blake's team tranquilize elephants in order to radio-collar them and track their movements in and out of the park (above, a mother with a radio collar and her youngster).



uar reserve, in Belize. In February, Silver led a team of WCS researchers to estimate the number of big cats in the study area. Jaguars are difficult to observe in the wild, but Silver and his team set up camera traps that are triggered by the body heat of animals, a technique pioneered by WCS Conservation Zoologist Ullas Karanth for monitoring tigers in India. Scanning the photographs for coat patterns unique to each jaguar, the team is able to identify individual cats. By monitoring the population over a series of years, the team hopes to learn more about the overall health of Cockscomb's jaguars.

Following the emergence of monkey pox in the United States via the pet trade, WCS Chief Veterinarian Robert Cook testified before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the threats to public health posed by the unregulated importation of exotic species. Cook's recommendations included international surveillance of wildlife and improved quarantine capabilities. He also met with officials of the Centers for

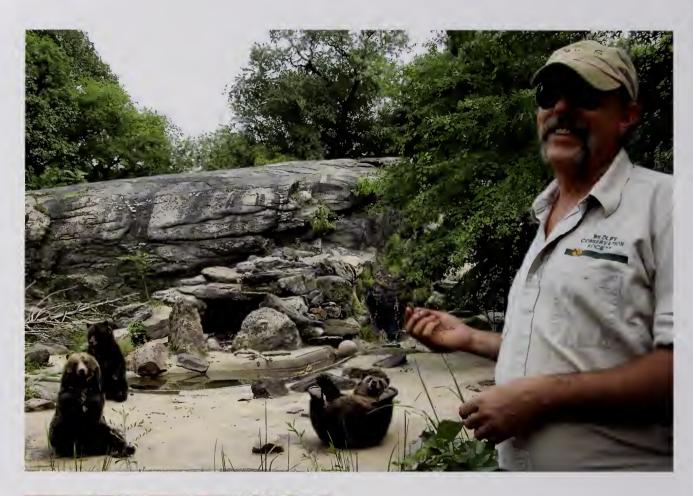
Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to discuss protocols in zoos that ensure the health of people and wildlife. In a new program created by the Government Affairs Department, Cook and Director of our Field Veterinarian program Wiliam Karesh provided a Congressional briefing on the threat of emerging diseases and what WCS veterinary health professionals are doing to assist in surveillance and control worldwide.

In addition, the Field Veterinary Program launched its newest initiative, Animal Health for the Environment and Development (AHEAD). Created to take a "One World, One Health" approach to disease, the initiative coincided with the media focus on zoonoses, diseases that can cross between animals and humans. At the IUCN's 5th World Parks Congress in South Africa, AHEAD convened more than 60 experts from southern and East Africa to discuss and design conservation and development interventions at the interface between wildlife, domestic animals, and humans.





# wcs animal enrichment





### animal enrichment activities vary by species. Above and left, Senior Keeper Jeff Munson trains the Bronx Zoo's brown bears to show their paws for inspections or claw manicures. Below, Hospital Supervisor Lisa Eidlin works with the Central Park Zoo's Vietnamese pot-bellied piglets. Opposite, clockwise from top left: a white-breasted bee-eater snags a cricket; Keeper Joe Abene hand-feeds a crested gecko with a mixture similar to the nectar it would lap from wildflowers; Senior Keeper Joan McCabe-Parodi accustoms giraffe youngster James XII to a restraint device; a polar bear plays with a piece of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree; Central Park Zoo Curator John Rowden trains a California sea lion.





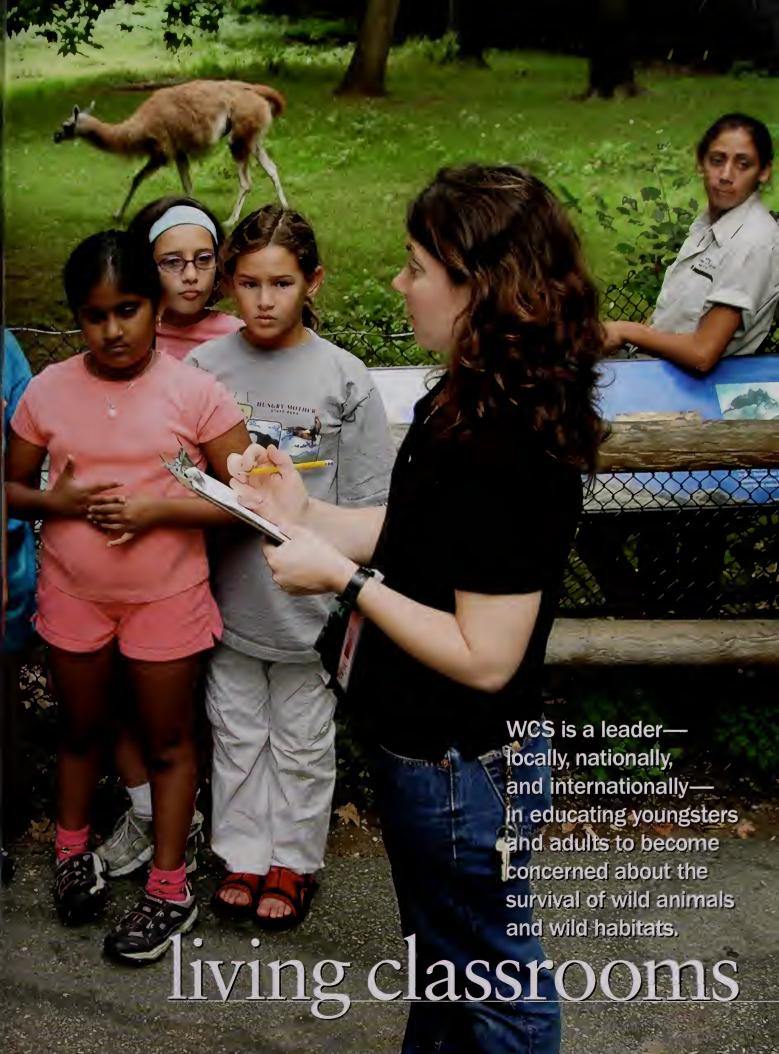












TO CELEBRATE WCS'S SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF AWARD-WINNING ENVIRONMENTAL education programming, WCS President and CEO Steven E. Sanderson declared 2003 the "Year of Education." This honor elevated the visibility of our pioneering conservation education outreach and inspired renewed vigor to enhance our scope in neighborhoods surrounding the Living Institutions and in the rest of the world.

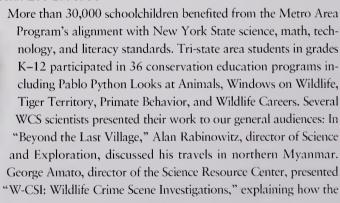
Because teachers and students in our communities form some of our most important audiences, we hosted our first Educator's Open House in April for more than 250 participants from the metropolitan region. The Flaherty Learning Center in Congo Gorilla Forest at the Bronx Zoo served as a base for teachers to experience hands-on activities and to learn about the wealth of WCS education programs. Most of the educators indicated they would bring their classes to explore the natural riches of the zoos and aquarium.

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# Several WCS education programs focused on local natural environments as teaching resources.

The River on the Rise module of our online Wild Explorations high school curriculum uses the Bronx River that flows through the Bronx Zoo as a case study, and the Friends of Wildlife Conservation (FOWC) conducted tours of the brand-new Mitsubishi Riverwalk exhibit. At the New York Aquarium, teams of students from Brooklyn and Yonkers, compared the ecologies of environmentally sensitive areas in Gerritsen Creek, Brooklyn, the Great Swamp in rural upstate New York, and the lower Hudson River.

#### **Bronx Zoo Education**



Some of our most significant education programs are geared toward teenagers and young women (pages 30-31). We use the natural riches of our zoos and aquarium to bring the subject of science to life (opposite, a baby sea lion born at the Bronx Zoo this year; left, a painted lady butterfly).





### Girls for Planet Earth

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES and an issue that sparks their passion spell success for the Girls for Planet Earth. From increasing the biodiversity of a New York City park to being pro-active about drought in Colorado, and even winning a civic award in Gaithersburg, Maryland, for restoration of a riparian zone, teen girls are making a mark on their communities.

Teams are recruited with the assistance of Girl Scouts USA, National 4-H Council, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Girls Inc., and the Children's Aid Society. New skills are applied to combine knowledge, service, and reflection on global environmental issues. Project Coordinator Jeanine Silversmith supports development of the teams' action plans for their community-based projects and sets the stage for the teams' solving local problems in a hands-on fashion. Participants are also being mentored for science careers. Communication is facilitated through the Internet, at the website www.girlsforplanetearth.com, where participants conduct their projects online and demonstrate how other young people might undertake similar community service learning projects through Teens for Planet Earth, www.teensforplanetearth.org.

Young women participating in the program have deemed it "a life-altering event."

field of genetics is used to battle the illegal trade in endangered species. Among the year's successful conservation education programs, the Family Overnight Safari attracted more than 600 adults and children who were treated to engaging learning activities and spent the night camped out in the zoo. Sold-out summer camps served 755 children and capped off a busy year.

In a new partnership with the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx, zoo instructors made 12 hospital visits, providing 100 young patients with hands-on activities from our award-winning curricula Habitat Ecology Learning Program and Pablo Python Looks at Animals. Additionally, teacher training staff provided professional development and foundations in science content to the hospital staff and to teens from the hospital's Carl Sagan Explainer Program.

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), and in its second year, the After School Adventures in Wildlife Science program boasts 118 graduates from New York City's five boroughs. Not only does this program foster appreciation for science and science-related careers among students, it also provides them with a safe haven during high-risk after-school hours, and enhances their confidence and self-esteem. Graduates earn biology credit toward their high school diploma.

On April 24 and 25, in honor of National Poetry Month, guests were encouraged to find their inner poets at the second annual Bronx Zoo Poetry Safari. Schoolchildren who participated in the Winning Words Poetry Contest read their awardwinning poems selected from hundreds of entries. High-schoolers competed in a spoken-word competition called the poetry slam, and children and adults throughout the zoo used giant magnetic boards to create spontaneous poems about sea lions, giraffes, and elephants. In addition, guest authors read from their works and signed books.

FOWC docents studied interpretive techniques and developed scripts appropriate to the Mitsubishi Riverwalk for adult and family group tours. Focusing attention on the history and reclamation of the river, its ecosystem, and human impact, the volunteers will reach out to the local community and inspire appreciation for the diversity of wildlife in this urban environment. During the year, the FOWC provided 37,329 hours of service.

#### **New York Aquarium**

Meanwhile, aquarium educators took their show on the road. At the National Student Summit on Ocean Issues in Washington, D.C., three teen docents presented their field study results on Brooklyn's Gerritsen Creek and strategies for improved reg-

This year's participants in Girls For Planet Earth, a three-year grant program, were drawn from high schools in ten U.S. states and represented a diversity of backgrounds. The participants gathered for an Earth Summit at the Bronx Zoo and also visited the New York Aquarium for hands-on activities (opposite and left).



ulatory enforcement and community education. Coastal America, NSF, National Geographic, and the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy sponsored the summit. Curator Merryl Kafka and instructor Bob Cummings presented a biomagnification workshop for the Education Committee of the Alliance of Marine Mammals, in concert with the National Marine Educators' Conference in North Carolina. And at Madison Square Garden's new teachers' fair, Lisa Mielke, assistant curator, conducted staff development workshops for the New York City Department of Education.

On the home front—or in this case, the waterfront—the second year of coastal ecology programs with P.S. 225 in Rockaway held science field trips to the beach and the aquarium for third- and fourth-graders. A new initiative in our docent program focused on environmental research and restoration in Coney Island Creek and other local waters, supported by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the New York City Environmental Fund of the Hudson River Foundation.

A new partnership with the New York Soil and Water Commission resulted in joint teacher-training workshops. Thirty-eight teachers in the Starting Points for Children program in Jersey City requested the first teacher-training sleep-over in the aquarium.

The valedictorian of Brooklyn's McKinley Junior High School praised the aquarium for our unique Earth, Sea, and Sky Project. Assemblywoman Adele Cohen sponsored a Family Sea Fair at which more than 900 local children and parents enjoyed an evening of science exploration and activities. And education outreach touched more than 9,000 participants, including Aquaravan visits to Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital.

#### Central Park Zoo

From the zoo to the classroom, Wildlife Theater produces engaging programs highlighting key issues and principles of wildlife conservation. More than 565,000 visitors attended theater productions during the year, including 65,000 children and parents at the Daniel Cowin Acorn Theater in the Tisch Children's Zoo. In addition, the Wildlife Theater launched new educational programs at Queens and Prospect Park Zoos. Together with the successful theatrical adaptation of the popular children's book by the same name, "Polar Express at the Bronx Zoo's Holiday Lights," the Wildlife Theater provided informative and entertaining programs to audiences throughout New York City.

WH.D Achievements (Wildlife Integrated into Language Development) brought literacy programs to more than 120 class-rooms, reaching over 2,200 New York City Head Start children and parents. Its Petunia Penguin Goes to School features a gentoo penguin that transforms children into Antarctic scientists via creative drama, games, and songs. Teacher responses

ranged from "a fantastic vocabulary builder" to "This program is a great motivation piece—I would have a whole theme on penguins for the school literacy fair."

At 130 strong, our Zoo Guides provided 126,000 visitors with more than 16,900 hours of volunteer service.

#### Queens Zoo/Prospect Park Zoo

Dramatic City budget cuts spurred significant changes and new initiatives to provide wildlife education experiences to zoo visitors, and to increase service to underserved Queens and Brooklyn communities. A new focus on recruiting and training adult docents enhanced at-exhibit interpretations and guided tours for schools and community groups. Participants in a new Teaching Fellows program at each facility created customized docent-led and self-guided tours. Connections were forged through outreach programs for public libraries, YMCAs, Boys' Clubs, the New York City Parks Department, after-school centers, and other community organizations.

#### **National Teacher Training Program**

Developed and tested by WCS educators in during 2002–2003, "Elly Jelly Looks at Marine Animals" debuted in many more schools during the year. Workshops provided teachers with fresh ideas about how to incorporate science into language art lessons. They also gave teachers valuable information about Earth's oceans and the opportunities available at their local zoos and aquariums, such as Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut, the Seattle Aquarium, the Florida Aquarium in Tampa, Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, and Brookfield Zoo in Illinois.

WCS National Teacher Education Programs were approved by the New York State Department of Education to provide teachers with professional credit. As a result, enrollment in our summer teacher institutes rose threefold. In new partnerships with local universities, 90 elementary teachers in the master's degree program at Brooklyn College studied habitat ecology with our teacher trainers.

Our leadership role in professional development for zoo, aquarium, and museum educators expanded with Project PRISM (Partnerships in the Revitalization of Instruction in Science through Museums), an extension of our Project TRIPS (Teaching Revitalized through Informal Programs in Science). Funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, PRISM enables educators from the most successful of the TRIPS institutions to serve as mentors for newly selected PRISM institutions. By providing a forum in which informal science institutions can work together to develop high-quality professional development programs, PRISM will greatly increase the capacity of small science institutions throughout the U.S. to help bring about important changes in science classrooms. Project PRISM is intended as a



Informal science institutions, such as the WCS zoos and aquarium, foster an appreciation for nature among young people.

national model for other institutions interested in aligning their education programs with those of the nation's schools.

Teachers from over 15 states across the country as well as Belize received professional development training to incorporate science and conservation into their everyday teaching. Our new Certified Trainer Program enables more teachers to use WCS's award-winning Habitat Ecology Learning Program (HELP). Two Certified Trainers from the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, Iowa, have trained 178 teachers and convinced a school district in Des Moines to make HELP part of its seventh-grade curriculum.

#### **Girls for Planet Earth**

Also supported by NSF, Girls for Planet Earth brought participants from across the country to the Bronx for an Earth Summit to explore ecology, wildlife biology, and conservation; tour the Bronx Zoo's exhibits and facilities; and participate in workshops with WCS women science professionals who serve as role models. Provided with guidance, support, and resources from WCS, these young women design and implement community-based environmental projects. This year, the projects ranged from improving owl habitat in Central Florida by creating nest boxes from recycled orange juice drums to organizing a conservation exposition in the Washington, D.C. area for more than 50 international, national, and local environmental and community organizations.

#### **Distance Learning Expedition**

This year, we expanded the system of remote-controlled cameras in the Bronx Zoo's Aitken Aviary, Wolf's monkey exhibit in Congo Gorilla Forest, and the flamingo exhibit. The new technology enables the distance-learning program to incorporate more live images of animals into video-conferences for K–12 school classrooms across the U.S.

#### International Education

Following on its success in other parts of Asia, international education staff led summer workshops at Periyar and Kalakad-Munundurai Tiger reserves and the Regional Museum of Natural History in Mysore, India. Ninety-five professionals, including schoolteachers and educators at protected areas, zoos, and museums, were trained in three workshops. The agenda was based on our popular Teachers for Tigers manual, translated into the southern Indian languages of Malayalam, Kannada, and Tamil. Six participants from the previous workshop—our Starr Foundation Fellows-served as teaching interns. Following these workshops, the Starr Foundation Fellows disseminated Teachers for Tigers throughout India, with tiger conservation activities and messages. One of the fellows, Gigi Joseph, conducted four workshops for 120 teachers in the state of Kerala, as well as Wildlife Week celebrations at Periyar Tiger Reserve. He also organized Kids for Tigers and Headmasters for Tigers programs in communities surrounding the reserve.



### A Literacy Link in Queens

"WHIPPETY, WHAPPITY, FWIP, FWAP, WHAM!" says a green tree python (above) in *Verdi*, a book by Jannell Cannon, as he falls to the ground during his frantic attempt to keep from changing colors. While teaching children about camouflage, food webs, and other science concepts, the Queens Zoo is also helping to promote literacy. So the zoo's new outreach programs—in partnership with the Queens Borough Public Library—begins with the reading of books featuring wildlife, such as *Verdi*.

The Queens Borough Public library system serves 2.2 million people, with 63 branches and six adult learning centers. Through this new and rapidly growing partnership, the zoo reached 600 children and 230 adults in 25 library branches during the year. Participants in the children's programs ranged in age from 4 to 15. They engaged in activities such as creating their own All Animal Orchestra, constructing a temperate forest food web, and using biofacts to learn about the physical adaptations of animals. Among the adult programs was the newly developed From Queens to Belize: Tracking the Elusive Jaguar, which features the work of Alan Rabinowitz, director of Science and Exploration and Scott Silver, Queens Zoo animal curator.

In a continuing partnership in Africa with Zambia's only zoo, the Munda Wanga Environmental Park in Lusaka, Tom Naiman, director of Curriculum Development and International Education, worked with park educators to stage their first workshop. This was also the first major event held in the zoo's new education center, completed, in part, through the support of WCS. The 37 participants included schoolteachers, educators at protected areas, staff of environmental NGOs, Munda Wanga's guide staff, as well as two community educators from the WCS International Conservation program run by Dale Lewis in Luangwa Valley and an educator from the WCS Gabon program. In addition, Naiman presented a workshop on the education potential of zoos and natural areas at a conference of the African Zoo and Reserve Educators Network in Lusaka.

Our collaboration in Cuba with the Havana and Louisville (Kentucky) Zoos trained 72 Cuban participants representing 11 of the 14 provinces, plus the special municipality and ecologically rich Isla de la Juventud. Representatives from all but one of that nation's 22 zoos attended. Two workshops were held at the Havana Zoo, and the third, at Santa Clara Zoo in Villa Clara. WCS received feedback that the activities were used at zoos, schools, and in protected areas all over the island. Participants deemed the workshops successful because they increased environmental science knowledge and use of new teaching methods, were practical, used Spanish materials respectful of Cuban customs and culture, and relied on creativity and simple materials, useful for those with few resources.

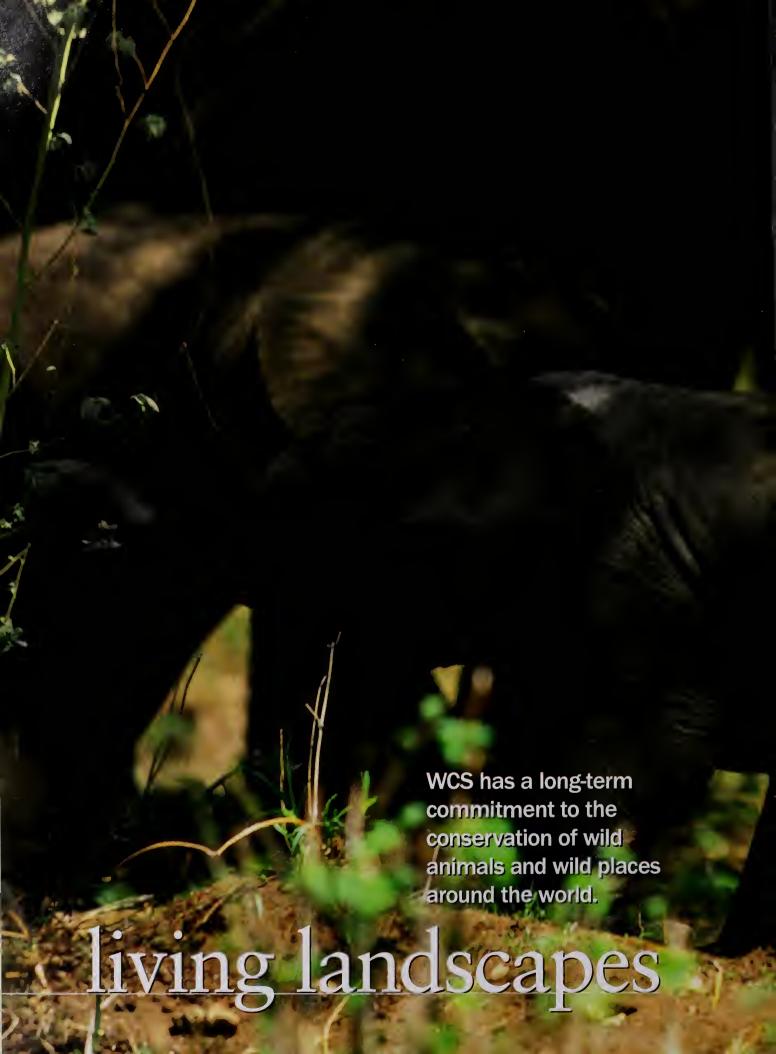
#### **Curriculum Development**

Work continued on Adirondacks: A Living Landscape, the second module in Wild Explorations in Science, WCS's engaging, interactive, online curriculum for high school students. This segment models the process by which WCS scientists choose landscape species to save critical habitats in the large, multi-use Adirondack Park. We began work this year on a third module, River on the Rise, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which uses the Bronx River as a case study to examine the science of watersheds, the ecology of rivers, and the conservation of an urban waterway.

Initiated at the request of WCS scientist and jaguar expert Alan Rabinowitz, a new manual—Jaguars Forever: An Educators Tool Kit for Saving the Americas' Greatest Cat was launched. Based on the successful Teachers for Tigers, it will provide activities on jaguar biology and conservation as well as the role of jaguars in the cultures of the Americas. Jaguars Forever will be used by educators in jaguar range countries, and was translated into Spanish.

Congo Gorilla Forest at the Bronx Zoo serves as a base for teachers to learn about WCS education programs, and the Wolf's guenon (opposite) exhibit has been added to the distance-learning program.







WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BEGAN WHEN HUMANS RECOGNIZED THAT THEIR ACTIONS could cause the extinction of a species. For most of the history of conservation, advocates focused on making harvesting of wildlife sustainable by developing hunting seasons and reserves to prevent local extinction of game animals. Gradually this idea of conserving wild species for harvesting grew into the conservation of species for their own sake.

Over the past 20 years, however, attention to species' conservation waned as many organizations increasingly shifted their activities to eco-regions, hotspots, and landscapes. This shift was exacerbated by an increasing orientation toward economic development and the needs of local people.

For the Wildlife Conservation Society, the time has come to renew the conservation focus on species. With our twin legacies of field research and living collections, and more than a century of experience, we can put wild species back on the conservation radar screen.

# For the Wildlife Conservation Society, the time has come to renew the focus on species.

Within WCS's International Conservation division, the Living Landscapes Program continues to work with field scientists to find wildlife-focused strategies for conservation at large scales, in complex environments where interactions with human interests result in conflict. We choose a suite of wild animals, which we call landscape species, whose needs help us determine where we should work, what issues we must resolve, and with whom we should collaborate. These species use large areas, need a variety of habitats, are vulnerable to human activities, help keep the landscape working as it should, have economic or cultural significance for people, and complement other species in the region. Landscape species usually include large, well-known animals, such as elephants, peccaries, and jaguars, but may be less obvious ones that use important habitats—as in the Adirondacks, where the three-toed woodpecker depends on rare boreal forests. Landscape species may represent unique threats—such as the star coral, which is threatened by agricultural chemicals at Glover's Reef atoll in Belize.

In the Southern Hemisphere, WCS has studied the ecology, status, and distribution of the jaguar and its prey for more than 20 years. This long-term research guides our ongoing initiatives, spanning the flooded savannas of Brazil's Pantanal to the tropical

forests of Central America, to reduce conflict between jaguars and rural communities and to protect large swaths of jaguar habitat.

WCS researchers in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve discovered that great numbers of scarlet

> macaws (right) were being poached in Laguna del Tigre National Park, and that large areas were being burned for cattle ranching. This year, the government allocated \$633,000 to protect Laguna del Tigre, and WCS staff

helped authorities capture invaders and poachers.

Left: A forest tree frog in Tanzania, a WCS study site.





### Hukawng Valley Tiger Reserve

IN MARCH, THE GOVERNMENT OF Myanmar declared a sprawling 8,400square-mile reserve for tigers, making it the largest protected area for these endangered big cats on Earth. Called the Hukawng Valley Tiger Reserve, the Vermont-size protected area resulted from more than five years of collaborative work between WCS and the Myanmar Forest Department, According to Alan Rabinowitz, director of Science and Exploration, who conducted most of the initial research there, the reserve's population of 80 to 100 tigers can grow tenfold, provided protection and management plans are carried out properly. Then this region, which also contains Asian elephants, clouded leopards, and gaur, could help seed other potential tiger habitats that have already lost this species.

Rabinowitz also helped the Myanmar Forest Department draw up management plans for training and education, park infrastructure, and community development. Hukawng Valley Tiger Reserve will be a model of large-scale landscape conservation, where both tigers and humans benefit from careful management of natural resources.

The Hukawng Valley Tiger Reserve is part of Myanmar's Northern Forest Complex, a 12,000-square-mile network of four contiguous protected areas explored and surveyed by WCS and the Myanmar Forest Department between 1996 and 2002.

South America's elusive spectacled bear faces two major threats: habitat loss and poaching. WCS uses field research on spectacled bear ecology and genetics as the basis for several conservation projects across the central and northern Andes. Working with local partners, WCS develops population monitoring programs and conservation activities to guard spectacled bears and their habitat.

From the grasslands and thorn forests of the Chaco to the sparse steppe of Patagonia, WCS protects the guanaco from hunting, competition with domestic livestock, and other threats. WCS conservationists in Bolivia and Argentina use field research and community outreach to promote guanaco management on public and private rangelands.

Habitat loss, poaching, and direct conflict with an evergrowing human population are making it more difficult for many animals to survive in Asia. The tiger and the Asian elephant are two landscape species in this vast continent on which WCS focuses its work. Across the tiger's range—from India to the Russian Far East—WCS monitors its populations and prey, implementing nationwide surveys, strengthening law enforcement, and improving community awareness.

In Sumatra, WCS produced the first reliable population estimates for Asian elephants. Knowing where elephants live and how many exist is paramount for measuring the success of our conservation endeavors and determining priorities for investment in the last-best places for elephants. In Laos as well as in Sumatra, WCS has established pilot projects to help local farmers, communities, and the national government mitigate conflicts between elephants and humans. For both tigers and elephants, we take the lessons learned and reach out not only to the conservation community, but to local, national, and international communities, to ensure the long-term survival of these species and the landscapes in which they live.

In Africa, WCS began studying large carnivores in 1966, protecting lions and other predators in the Serengeti of Tanzania. Today our projects range from the heart of the Central African rain forest to the sparse woodlands of southern Africa and north to the Ethiopian highlands. We aim to ensure the long-term survival of endangered canids such as the Ethiopian wolf and the African wild dog as well as big cats, particularly lions, cheetahs, and leopards.

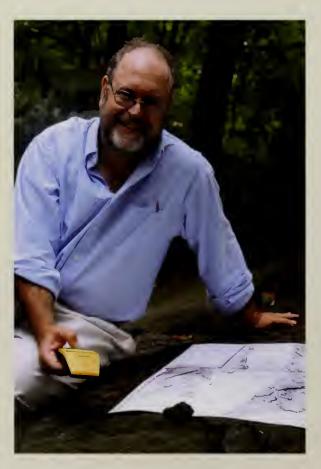
In the late 1980s it became clear that while a reasonable amount was known about the populations of savanna ele-

Victor, a 385-pound Siberian tiger, roars out of a vehicle into a reserve in the Russian Far East (right). He was rescued in February from a poacher's snare by WCS researchers and Russia's Tiger Response Team. Rather than having his skin and bones sold on the black market, Victor wears a radio collar that allows field scientists to track his movements and habits—data that will help ensure the survival of tigers in Asla.



### The Mannahatta Project

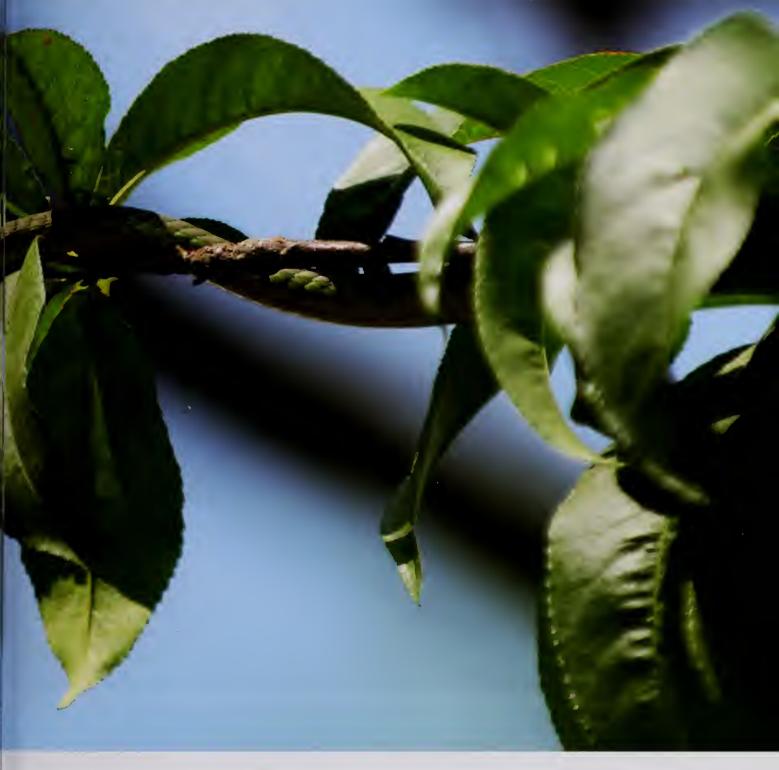
WHAT DID THE AREA THAT IS NOW NEW York City look like before skyscrapers, paved streets, and manicured parks? WCS's Living Landscapes Program is trying to find out through its Mannahatta Project, an innovative research and education program to reconstruct the block-by-block geography of the Manhattan landscape during Henry Hudson's time and compare it to today's cityscape. Manhattan was once remarkably diverse, with more than 45 ecological communities and wildlife including elk, black bears, wolves, and mountain lions, as well as the Lenni Lenape people, who lived in the region for thousands of years before European colonization. Through analysis of historical maps and documents, detailed natural history, and cutting-edge landscape ecology studies (below, Eric Sanderson, associate director of landscape ecology and geographic analysis, in Central Park), we will bring to New Yorkers a sense of their own wild place and the importance of wildness and wildlife for all.





phants in eastern and southern Africa, virtually nothing was known about forest elephants of Central Africa. WCS, therefore, focused its main efforts on this species. We support elephant research and conservation in seven African countries, and have been asked by CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna) to establish a monitoring system for forest elephants to measure the impact of the ivory trade. WCS also concentrates on solving the problem of elephants destroying farmers' crops. Solutions are being applied throughout the range of elephants in Africa and Asia.

From large mammals to migratory birds to snakes (above, a boomslang in Tanzania), WCS works to protect a host of wild species in a great variety of landscapes around the world.



WCS has been working for a long time to conserve great apes around the world. Currently, we are in eight countries, studying gorillas (mountain, eastern and western lowland, and Cross River), chimpanzees (common and bonobos), and orangutans. In Africa, we work with all four gorilla subspecies and both chimp species, supporting activities that cover the spectrum from habitat and population surveys, to human-ape health issues (including research into the origins and spread of deadly Ebola hemorrhagic fever), to genetics and behavioral ecology, to protected area management, to the reduction of threats posed by bushmeat consumption.

In the Northern Hemisphere, we are conserving birds potentially threatened by energy development in the Arctic and vulnerable to poor forestry practices in western states, as well as red knots endangered by human over-harvest of their food sources along the eastern seaboard.

In Greater Yellowstone, we work to understand the habitat needs and ecological interrelationships of wolverines, cougars, grizzly bears, and wolves, and endeavor to diminish the conflicts between humans and black bears. Additionally, we are defining areas for large carnivores, woodland caribou, and other species in regions of Canada that will be opened to human use in the near future. In the Rockies, we strive to maintain landscape connectivity for carnivores and to conserve key pronghorn antelope migration routes.

Elsewhere, we seek to address the needs of an important suite of smaller species ranging from bats and amphibians to turtles and snakes, which face a variety of human threats.



Herilala Randriamahazo, director of the Marine and Coastal Program for WCS Madagascar, stands on the beach at Tampolo Marine Park, one of three marine reserves in Madagascar's Masoala National Park designed to protect Masoala peninsula's coral reef systems.

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AVENTURES SANS FRONtiers (ASF) is a Gabonese NGO (non-governmental organization) created in 1992 by two adventurous students who set out to learn more about

the biological riches of their country (top, common dolphins). During a kayak expedition down Gabon's Atlantic coast, Guy-Philippe Sounguet and Christian Mbina noted a high nesting density of leatherback turtles and, with characteristic pragmatism, decided to learn more about these animals and protect their nesting beaches. With WCS assistance, ASF now has camps and personnel (above, team member with turtle hatchling) at three coastal sites and has amassed five years of data on nesting densities and nest-site fidelity. Human presence on these vital beaches is a strong deterrent to egg collectors, and programs such as village outreach and school visits have done much to alter the conservation landscape for the leatherback in Gabon.

To achieve technical and financial independence, WCS and ASF have launched a capacity-building program with the support of the Wilson Challenge Grant. This program provides expert training and logistical support so that ASF is able to secure significant international support grants to reinforce and expand its conservation activities.

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### **Andrew Plumptre**

ANDY PLUMPTRE HEADS WCS'S ALBERTINE RIFT Program, a series of projects that focus on the western rift valley in Africa. This region contains more mammals and birds than any other in Africa, and is one of the world's key areas for conservation activities. Born in Uganda, Andy has lived there nearly half his life. With the start of Idi Amin's reign of terror, his parents moved the family to Britain, where Andy attended school. He went back to the Albertine Rift in 1984 to explore Rwanda, Burundi, and eastern Congo, and at that time decided that he would return some day to work with the mountain gorillas. Three years later he started his doctoral fieldwork focusing on the ecology of elephants, buffalos, and antelopes in the mountains where the gorillas occur. Much was already known about gorillas, but there was a need to better understand the forest ecology if the gorillas were to be managed effectively. To date, Andy's study is one of very few in the Virunga Volcanoes that have not focused on gorilla behavior. After receiving his PhD from Bristol University and studying the impacts of selective logging on wildlife for six years, he joined WCS as assistant director for Africa in 1997. The pull of African fieldwork prevailed, however, and in late 2000, Andy established the Albertine Rift Program to help rebuild wildlife numbers to their former levels and restore the wildlife spectacles that existed there not long ago.



Tony Lynam, Asia regional advisor for Training and Capacity Development, with Myanmar Forest Department staff who are trained members of the joint WCS/Forest Department tiger teams at Hukawng Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, the largest protected area for tigers on Earth.

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Asian elephant conservation on the Nakai Plateau. A. Johnson, S. Hedges Elds deer conservation. C. Vongkhamheng, A. Johnson, W. McShea, S. Ounmany

Survey, assessment, and conservation of the Indochinese tiger. A. Johnson, C. Vongkhamheng

Gibbon conservation through field studies and public-awareness raising, T. Hansel, A. Johnson, S. Vannalath, P. Thamlasin, S. Singh

Siamese crocodiles project. M. Hedemark, J. Thorbjarnarson, Chanthone Phothitay

#### MALAYSIA

Implementation of the review of the Sarawak Wildlife Master Plan.
M. Gumal, C. Chin, M. Meredith Conservation of wildlife in production forest in Ulu Baram.
C. Chin, M. Meredith
Monitoring and conserving primates in Maludam National Park. J. Hon
Surveys of orang utans in Sarawak.

## J. Rubis

Eastern Steppe living landscape: Sustaining wildlife and traditional livelihoods in the arid grasslands of Mongolia. P. Zahler, W. Barton

Research on Mongolian gazelles in the eastern steppes. G. Schaller, K. Olson, R. Samiyadan

#### MYANMAR

Wildlife surveys. A. Rabinowitz, U Saw Tun Khaing Protected area review and evaluation. U Saw Tun Khaing Establishment of a tiger reserve in Hukawng Valley region. U Saw Htoo Tha Po, A. Rabinowitz, U Saw Tun Khaing, A. Lynam Northern Forest Complex (NFC) landscape project. A. Rabinowitz,

U Saw Tun Khaing Reptile surveys. J. Thorbjarnarson, U Win Ko Ko, Kalyar, T. Swe, T. Lwin, G. Kuchling, K. Myo Myo

Hunting for subsistence and trade in Northern Myanmar. M. Rao, U Than Myint

Development and implementation of the National Tiger Action Plan. A. Rabinowitz, T. Lynam

#### PAKISTAN

Status and conservation of the wooly flying squirrel; conservation education and biodiversity preservation in the Diamer and Gilgit districts. P. Zahler, Mayoor Khan



### **U Than Myint**

FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, U THAN MYINT WAS forest officer for the Myanmar Department of Forestry and a lecturer at the Myanmar Forestry Institute. After completing his Masters degree at the Australian National University in Canberra, he returned home to Myanmar where he briefly worked on a UNFAO watershed project before joining WCS. For nearly eight years, Than Myint has served as training and research coordinator for the WCS Myanmar Program. His passion for the wildlife and forests of Myanmar have taken him on numerous expeditions and surveys. Together with WCS scientists Alan Rabinowitz, George Schaller, Madhu Rao, and Tony Lynam, he has studied wildlife in some of the last great forests of Indochina. This year, U Than Myint was appointed director of the WCS Myanmar Program.



### Liz Bennett

WCS'S HUNTING AND Trade Program was initiated in 2001 in response to the overwhelming and increasing threat to wildlife in tropical forests throughout the world. The threat is arising from unsustainable hunting and trade in wild animals



and their parts for meat, skins, feathers, parts for traditional medicines, and for the pet trade (top, slow lorises in Hanoi market).

Most hunting in tropical forests today is not sustainable, and is causing population declines and local extinctions across large swathes of the landscape. Such loss of wildlife threatens the wider biodiversity of the forests as well as the lifestyles, health, and cultural well-being of forest peoples. WCS has on-the-ground projects to tackle these critical issues in 24 countries across Africa, Latin America, and Asia. The Hunting and Wildlife Trade Program, under the direction of Elizabeth Bennett (above), takes the knowledge and data gained from such longterm field presence and expertise and works with field staff to determine how to manage hunting and wildlife trade more effectively in various biological, socioeconomic, cultural, and political conditions across the tropical world. It then disseminates this information to policymakers at local, national, and international levels to try to improve the ways in which conservation and development communities are addressing this critical issue.

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Conservation education for primary and secondary schools. R. Sinclair, L. Dori, S. Tui Phylogeography of lowland birds. A. Mack, J. Dumbacher Biologist training for field techniques, project design, data analysis and report writing. A. Mack, D. Wright, R. Sinclair Bird of paradise behavior. E. Scholes

Cassowary research in the Crater WMA and at Mt Mekil. A. Mack, D. Wright

Ecology of long-beaked echidnas in the Crater WMA. M. Opiang, D. Wright

Annual cycle of a montane forest (Mekil). B. Gamui

Manus Island surveys. A. Mack, A. Williams

Palm cockatoo research. P. Igag Megapode research and management. R. Sinclair

Hunting in the Crater Mt. Wildlife Management Area. A. Mack, P. West, D. Wright

#### **PHILIPPINES**

Bat survey. T. Mildenstein

#### RUSSIA

Conservation and management of the Bears of Kamchatka. J. Paczkowski, G. Raygoredetsky, D. Miquelle

Siberian tiger project. J. Goodrich, D. Miquelle, K. Quigley, E. Smirnov, A. Astafiev

Mapping tiger habitat in Northeast Asia. D. Miquelle, A. Murzin, Y. Dunishenko, V. Aramilev

Resolving human-tiger conflicts in the Russian Far East. J. Goodrich, B. Litvinov, N. Reebin, D. Miquelle

Distribution and status of the Amur leopard. D. G. Pikunov, D. Miquelle, A. Kostirya, V. Aramilev

Creation of a protected area in the Tavisa Basin, Terney County. B. Litvinov, D. Miquelle

Monitoring program for the Amur tiger. D. Miquelle, U. Dunishenko, D. Pikunov, V. Aramilev, P. Fomenko, G. Salkina, I Nikolaev, V. Abramov

Ecology and conservation of sympatric brown bears and Himalayan black bears in Sikhote-Alin Biosphere Reserve. J. Goodrich, A. Kostirya, V. Serodkin, D. Miquelle

Survey of ungulates in Primorski and Khabarovski Krai, V. Aramilev, Y. Dunishenko, A. Murzin, A. Myslenkov, D. Miquelle

Managing hunting leases for effective wildlife/tiger conservation. V. Aramilev, N. Kazakov, D. Miquelle

Effect of logging on bird communities in the Russian Far East, J. Slaght

Training a response team for tigerhuman conflicts. K. Quigley, D. Armstrong, R. Cook, J. Goodrich, D. Miquelle

Transboundary planning and management of Chinese reserves for tiger and leopard conservation. E. Zhang, D. Miquelle

#### SOUTH PACIFIC

Existing and proposed forest reserves of Fiji and their effectiveness for conserving endemic invertebrates, herpetofauna, birds, and plants. M. Tuiwawa, B. Thaman, C. Morrison, A. Raikabula, S. Prasad, M. Tokota'a, D. Olson, Birdlife Fiji, E. Lomani, G. Wainiqolo, I. Qauqau

Surveys of Fijian invertebrates: Testing the hypothesis of a Gondwanan origin for the Fijian biota. A. Cagitoba, A. Salusalu, M. Tokota'a, D. Olson

Conservation requirements of the endangered Fijian giant longhorn beetles. S. Lal, G. Gravelle, D. Olson

Conservation and restoration of critically endangered Fijian tropical dry forest. M. Tuiwawa, G. Keppel, A. Naikatini, J. Niukula, B. Thaman, D. Olson

Landscape certification for logging operations as a tool for forest conservation in Fiji. L. Farley, A. Patrick, D. Olson

Forest conservation awareness campaign and conservation education for primary and secondary schools for Fiji. I., Farley, B. Salusalu, A. Cakauniyalu

A Heritage Tree Program for Fiji and implications for wildlife conservation. A. Patrick, L. Conkanasiga, A. Salusalu, A. Cagitoba, D. Olson

Mahogany plantations and their impacts on freshwater stream quality and biodiversity, and invasiveness into natural forests. L. Farley, M. Fox

Biological survey and conservation assessment of the Lomaiviti reefs, Fiji. M. Marnane, L. Farley, S. Dunlunawaqa, L. Sivo, G. Allen

#### **TAJIKISTAN**

Conservation of Marco Polo sheep and its landscape in the Pamir. G. Schaller

#### THAILAND

Developing Kaeng Krachan National Park as a high priority large carnivore site. A. Rabinowitz, T. Lynam Wildlife field research and conservation training program. A. Lynam, P. Manopawitr, Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation Transboundary wildlife trade monitoring. Kalyar Tiger and Sumatran rhino conservation, Kaeng Krachan National Park. A. Lynam Wildlife training for the International Law Enforcement Academy, E. Bennett, A. Lynam, P. Manopawitr, U.S. Embassy, Royal Border Patrol Police, Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation Gurney's pitta lowland rainforest conservation initiative. P. Manopawitr, K. Boonthawee, Oriental Bird Club, Border Police

#### TIBET

Chang Tang wildlife surveys and reserve planning. G. Schaller Biodiversity conservation in the Himalayas of the southeastern Tibetan Autonomous Region G. Schaller, E. Zhang

Patrol, Department of National

Parks, Wildlife and Plant

Conservation

#### TURKEY

Exploratory surveys. G. Schaller

### Latin America

Sea and Sky: A strategy for conserving open ocean biodiversity in the SW Atlantic. C. Campagna Patagonia coastal zone

conservation strategies. G. Harris, C. Campagna, P. Yorio, R. Baldi, D. Boersma, Fundación Patagonia Natural, GEF-UNDP

Patagonian steppe wildlife conservation initiative. A. Novaro, S. Walker, G. Harris Magellanic penguin ecology and

Magellanic penguin ecology and conservation at Punta Tombo. D. Boersma

Seabird ecology and conservation in Patagonia. P. Yorio, F. Quintana, E. Frere, P. Gandini, A. Schiavini Patagonia Coast, Jason Islands research and conservation; Falklands/Malvinas. G. Harris, W. Conway, A. Taber
Ecology and conservation of the huemul deer. A. Vila
Tapir ecology and conservation.
S. Chalukian
Natural history and wildlife conservation.W. Conway
Andean condor research and conservation. L. Jacome
Burrowing parrot research and conservation. J. Masello
Jaguar-livestock conflict:
Comparing livestock
management with mortality by

predation and production. K.

#### BELIZE

Schiaffino

Wildlife research and protected areas planning in tropical forests. B. Miller, C. Miller Neotropical bat conservation. B. Miller laguar research and conservation. C. Miller Monitoring jaguars in Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary. S. Silver, L. Ostro Exploring human-jaguar conflict: Toward a possible model for Central America. S. Brechin Examining jaguar-livestock conflict in Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, B. Foster

#### BOLIVIA

Biodiversity research and conservation in the Madidi landscape. R. Wallace, L. Painter, H. Gomez, O. Hernandez Conservation and protected area management in the Bolivian Chaco. M. Painter, A. Noss, O.

Conservation training and capacity building (Noel Kempff Mercado Natural History Museum). D. Rumiz, Missouri Botanical Garden

Jaguar monitoring in Kaa-Iya del Gran Chaco National Park. A. Noss, D. Rumiz

#### BRAZII

Mamirauá and Amanā Sustainable Development Reserves; management and conservation. H. Quieroz, R. da Silveira, A. Rita Alves Piagacu-Purus Sustainable

Piagacu-Purus Sustainable
Development Reserve. C. Pereira
de Deus, R. da Silveira
Landscape species conservation and

Landscape species conservation and planning in the Brazilian Pantanal. S. Marchini, S. Cavalcanti, M. Marmontel, C. Quintela



### Rob Wallace/Lilian Painter

TOGETHER, ROB WALLACE AND LILIAN PAINTER coordinate WCS's highly successful conservation program in northwest Bolivia, one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet. Since 1999, they have led an integrated conservation program across a complex of three protected areas-Madidi, Pilón Lajas, and Apolobamba—and an indigenous territory that together span almost 16,000 square miles. Rob has trained Bolivian professionals who are assuming important responsibilities in the national conservation community, and advanced the state of knowledge about key wildlife species, including the identification of a new monkey species. Lilian has led policy and outreach efforts that have resulted in the titling of the 1,300 square miles of Tacana indigenous territory and a participatory plan for its management.



### William McCoy

WILLIAM MCCOY (ABOVE, AT LEFT) IS THE FIELD supervisor for WCS's Marine Turtle Conservation Program in Nicaragua. A Creole Nicaraguan fisherman born and raised in the Caribbean coastal community of Pearl Lagoon, William has worked with WCS since 1998, collecting biological and socioeconomic information on the important populations of hawksbill and green turtles that inhabit Nicaragua's Pearl Cays. In the communities that depend heavily on a legal sea turtle fishery for both income and food, William is a well-respected voice for building sustainability into the local green turtle fishery while advocating complete protection for endangered hawksbills. He has been instrumental in achieving one of the program's big successes: ensuring the protection of nearly 100 percent of hawksbill nests from egg poaching, an increase of 80 percent during the project's three years. At clear risk to his own safety, William has challenged illegal habitat destruction on the cays by foreign developers and has served as an outstanding example of the power of local environmental stewardship and leadership. William has represented WCS at international sea turtle meetings and is an effective advocate for sea turtle conservation in Nicaragua and throughout the Caribbean.

Livestock depredation by jaguars and pumas in southern Pantanal, S. Calvacanti, S. Marchini Rancher Outreach Program, A. Hoogesteyn

#### CHILE

Conservation and research program for Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, G. Harris

Juan Fernandez Islands sea bird conservation and research. P. Hodum, M. Wainstein

#### COLOMBIA

Ecology and conservation of biological diversity in the Central Andes of Colombia. C. Murcia, G. Kattan

Conservation leadership and training program and Ucamari Center for Excellence. C. Murcia, G. Kattan, Fundación EcoAndina

Design of a protected area system for Riseralda; technical assistance; national parks unit. C. Murcia, G. Kattan, Fundación EcoAndina

#### COSTA RICA

Jaguar research and conservation in dry forests. E. Carrillo Ecology and conservation of whitelipped peccaries and jaguars in Corcovado National Park. E. Carrillo

Behavioral study on depredating jaguars on marine sea turtles in Tortuguero National Park, M. Alvarez

#### CUBA

Reptile research and conservation in coastal habitats. J. Thorbjarnarson, R. Rodríguez Soberón, M. Alonzo Tabeth

Status and conservation of the Cuban crocodile in the Zapata Swamp. J. Thorbjarnarson, R. Targarona

Ecology and management of American crocodiles in the Birama Swamp, J. Thorbjarnarson, R.Soberon

#### ECUADOR

Biodiversity research and conservation in the Yasuni-Napo landscape. A. Jorgenson, G. Zapata

#### GUATEMALA

Community-based conservation and biodiversity monitoring in the Maya Forest, R. McNab, J. Radichowsky, A. Rodriguez Searlet macaw ecology and

conservation, R. McNab Institutional strengthening of Asociación Balam, R. McNab Impacts of subsistence hunting upon jaguar and puma in the Maya Biosphere Reserve. A. Novack

#### MEXICO

Movements, habitat relations, and prey relations of female jaguars in jaguar peripheral habitat, SE Sonora, O. Rosas Rosas Borderlands jaguar detection project. J. Childs

#### NICARAGUA

Status and conservation of the jaguar and a characterization of its hunting practices in the Indio Maiz Biological Reserve. C. S. Gomez Fuentes

#### PANAMA

Status of jaguars in Darien National Park. R. Moreno

#### PERU

Sustainable use and management of the vicuna. C. Sahley Wildlife conservation in the Peruvian Amazon of Loreto. R. Bodmer, P. Puertas

#### VENEZUELA

Conservation of the Caura River watershed. J. Ochoa, M. Bevilacqua Fish ecology, use, and conservation in the Caura watershed. F. Daza

Ecology and habitat use of spectacled bears. I. Goldstein Conservation of the Orinoco crocodile. A. E. Seijas, J. Thorbjarnarson

Jaguar private refuge in El Baul region, Cojedes State. M. Olmos, A. Gonzalez-Fernandez

Educational and training handcraft workshop for Jaguar Private Refuge in El Baul region, Cojedes State. M. Olmos

Creation of a library specializing on Neotropical carnivores with emphasis on the jaguar and puma. A. Gonzalez-Fernandez, Cattlemen's Association of Carabobo State, L. Arriaga

Status and conservation of wild populations of Orinoco crocodiles in Venezuela. J. Thorbjarnarson, A. E. Seijas

#### REGIONAL

Amazonian conservation. A. Taber, F. Marques Flamingo ecology and conservation. Grupo para la Conservación de

Flamencos Altoandinos. F. Arengo

Jaguar conservation program, E. Carillo

Jaguar surveys and monitoring. S. Silver

Conservation science training, P. Feinsinger

Protected area training. J. Barborak Contributions to the continuing development of the Mesoamerican Society for Conservation Biology. J. Barborak, A. Carr III

#### Marine

#### **ARGENTINA**

Exploring sustainable options for the management of Patagonian coastal benthic fisheries. L. Orensanz, A. Parma Developing an open ocean conservation area for the protection of marine mammals and sea birds: A Park of Sea and Sky. C. Campagna, C. D'Agrosa, L. Lauck

#### RAHAMAS

Provide scientific and technical support to establish the first five marine reserves of a planned nationwide network in the Bahamas, B. Alevizon

#### BELIZE

Development of monitoring techniques for marine reserves and a long-term atoll monitoring program for Glover's Reef. C. Acosta

Glovers Reef Marine Research Station (GRMRS). T. Duncan, J. Clamp

Coral reef and algae population dynamics and reef restoration: Understanding the influence of nutrients and organic matter on reef erosion and algal growth. T. McClanahan, B. Cokos

An evaluation of Caribbean shark species. E. Pikitch, D. Chapman Conservation of Nassau grouper

spawning aggregations. E. Sala, E. Ballesteros, R. Starr Larval dispersal on the

Mesoamerican reef. J. Purcell Regional marine conservation and policy development. J. Gibson, C.

Raising Nassau grouper for stocking in Belize: An evaluation of aquaculture as a tool to build, restore, and conserve depleted stocks. J. Carter

Spatial conservation database for Glovers Reef Marine Reserve. P.



Marine Program field conservationist Ramón Bonfil and his team capture a great white shark off the coast of South Africa.

Mumby, H. Renken Glovers Reef living seascape: Safeguarding marine resources and rural livelihoods in Belize. J. Gibson, C. D'Agrosa

#### CHILE

Blue whale ecology and conservation in coastal productive areas off Chile. R. Hucke-Gaete

Marine and coastal conservation in Cuba. C. Carr, F. Arengo, J. Thorbjarnarson, R. Cerroni, P. Heylings

#### FIJI

Community-based conservation of the Lomaiviti Island group. D. Olson, L. Farley Small grants program for marine conservation. D. Olson

Strengthening dolphin conservation activities in the Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary. B.

Investigating the status and ecology of Ganges river dolphins, Platanista gangetica, and Irrawaddy dolphins, Orcaella

brevirostris, in the Sundarbans Delta, B. Smith

#### INDONESIA

Rebuilding effective marine management at Karimunjawa National Park, J. Wibowo, M. Marnane, S. Campbell Evaluating the status of coral reef ecosystems and socio-cultural management systems. T. McClanahan

#### KENYA

Conservation research on coral reefs, T. McClanahan Integrating adaptive management techniques into marine reserve management system. T. McClanahan Internship and training in coral reef research methodologies. T. R. McClanahan, N. Muthiga, J. Maina Enhancing sea turtle conservation. N. Muthiga, S. Nzuki, G. Okemwa, E. Mueni Strengthening marine conservation in the Western Indian Ocean. N. Muthiga, S. Nzuki, T. McClanahan

#### MADAGASCAR

Improving the monitoring and



### **Justina Ray**

LIKE MANY IN THE WCS FAMILY, JUSTINA RAY started as an intern at WCS's Bronx Zoo headquarters in 1987, then secured research fellowships in central Africa and eastern North America. Hired as a staff zoologist in 2002, Justina (above, on left, with pilot Marty Webb in northern Ontario) is now director of the newly incorporated WCS Canada Program.

Justina's research has spanned habitats ranging from tropical rain forests to subarctic taiga, with the ecology and conservation of carnivores as common themes. Her PhD research in the Central African Republic was the first carnivore community study in an African rain-forest environment. She then completed a collaborative project in New York's Adirondack Park, evaluating behavioral responses of carnivores to human land-use changes. Currently, she is a key partner in the first ecological study of wolverines in the lowland boreal forests of northern Ontario, providing critical information for land-use planning in a vast, as yet undeveloped region.

management of the Masoala marine parks. P. Doukakis Development of an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for Antongil Bay. B. Randriamantsoa, A. Cooke, S. Harding

Developing conservation strategies for the shark fishery of Antongil Bay. M. Jonahson, H. Randriamahazo

Investigating the fish diversity and marine ecology of the Sahamalaza Biosphere Reserve. H. Randriamahazo, B. Randriamantsoa

An integrated approach to humpback whale and marine mammal research and conservation: Photographic identification, conservation genetics, acoustics, GIS analysis and satellite telemetry.

H. Rosenbaum, P. Ersts, Y. Razafindrakoto, S. Nguessono, C. Pomilla, V. Rasoamampianina

Developing sustainable conservation-oriented whale watching, H. Rosenbaum, Y. Razafindraktoto, S. Nguessono, V. Rasoamampianina

The impact of hunting and incidental catch of small cetaceans. H. Rosenbaum, Y.

Razafindrakoto, N. Andrianarivelo

#### MYANMAR

Feasibility assessment for establishing a long-term site-based program and protected area for dolphin conservation in the upper reaches of the Ayeyarwady River. B. Smith

#### NICARAGUA

Monitoring and characterizing hawksbill sea turtle nesting populations, foraging aggregations, and migratory patterns through beach surveys, satellite tagging, and mark/recapture. C. Lagueux, C. Campbell

Mark/recapture study and genetic stock assessment of hawksbill nesting populations and green, hawksbill, and loggerhead foraging aggregations. C. Lagueux, C. Campbell

#### NORTH AMERICA

A pilot study to determine habitat use of juvenile green sturgeon in the Rogue River, and determine when juvenile green sturgeon leave the river and enter the ocean. D. Erickson Estimating the abundance of adult green sturgeon in the Rogue River using underwater camera and broad-band acoustic survey techniques. D. Erickson Determining potential impacts of jet boat activity on green sturgeon behavior, K. Hanson, D. Erickson Evaluating oceanic migration patterns of adult green sturgeon

tagged in the Sacramento, Klamath, and Rogue rivers. D. Erickson, K. Hanson

#### PANAMA

Hawksbill turtle population recovery in the Comarca Ngöbe-Bugle Chiriqui Beach/Escudo de Veraguas and the Bastimentos Island National Marine Park, A. and P. Meylan

Ecology and migration of Bocas del Toro sea turtles. A. Meylan, P. Meylan

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Development of a training program for marine scientists and coral reef conservation. M. Marnane

#### RUSSIA

Identifying critical habitat and assisting with the development of protected areas for the endangered Sakhalin sturgeon in the Tunmin River. D. Erickson Conservation of critical habitat for beluga sturgeon. E. Pikitch, D. Erickson, P. Doukakis, S. Crownover

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Ecology and conservation of the great white shark. R. Bonfil

#### THAILAND

Development of a training manual on research techniques for conserving cetaceans and sirenians in developing countries. B. Smith

Assessing the status of Irrawaddy dolphins and developing an action plan for their conservation in Songkhla Lake. B. Smith

#### REGIONAL

Conservation and restoration of salmon ecosystems and wildlife of the North Pacific Rim. L. Lauck, S. Zack

#### GLOBAL

WildlifeSAIL- Global Circumnavigation on a 47-foot sailing catamaran to promote education and awareness of ocean conservation. J.F. Thye, F. Wilkin Developing a technology toolbox for the design of marine protected areas. J. Lindholm, R. Cerroni Human footprint in the marine

environment. E. Sanderson, L. Lauck, C. D'Agrosa

Determining conservation units and species/population relationships among humpback dolphins throughout their range. H. Rosenbaum, S. Glaberman, T. Jefferson, T. Collins, G. Minton, V. Peddemors, R. Baldwin

Role of genetic diversity in the recovery of the highly endangered north Atlantic and north Pacific right whale. H. Rosenbaum

Bowhead whale genetic diversity and population structure: An exploration of human and climate induced changes in genetic variation. H. Rosenbaum, G. Amato

An investigation of the responses of coral reefs to global climate change. A. Baker

### **North America**

#### NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION

Working with local planners to integrate biodiversity conservation in New Jersey and New York (Croton-to-Highlands, Wallkill Valley and Farmington Valley). M. Klemens, H. Gruner, N. Miller, J. Schmitz

Eastern Westchester biotic corridor. M. Klemens, N. Miller

Conserving amphibians in humanfragmented landscapes. M. Klemens, H. Gruner, N. Miller

Great Swamp cooperative conservation program, M. Klemens, N. Miller

Nature in fragments: Urban sprawl's effect on biodiversity. M. Klemens, N. Miller, J. Schmitz

The moveable feast for wildlife and people. M. Klemens, N. Miller, J. Schmitz

Public-private land stewardship in Rockefeller State Park Preserve and private lands. M. Klemens, N. Miller

#### NORTHERN FORESTS

Climate Change in the Adirondacks, J. Jenkins Adirondack Communities and Conservation Program. Z. Smith, I Karasin Adirondack Living Landscapes Program. M. Glennon, A. Keal Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program. N. Schoch, M. Glennon, V. Trudeau, D. Adams,

D. Evers, F. Realarbuto

Adırondack Atlas. J. Jenkins, A. Keal Black Bear Education, Awareness and Research (BBEAR). Z. Smith, M. Glennon, L. Karasin

Oswegatchie Roundtable: A multistakeholder forum in the Adirondacks, B.Weber

Local impacts of climate change and changes in land use on water quality and the winter economy in the Adirondacks: A case study of the Consortium for Atlantic Regional Assessment. A. Fisher, R. Dempsey, L. Karasın

Social implications of wildlife conservation in low-density development areas. H. Kretser

Use of bridges and road structures by wildlife within Virginia. W. McShea and partners

White-tailed deer overpopulation, impacts, and movement. W. McShea and partners

Ecology and conservation of a firedependent species, Turkeybeard, in western Virginia. W. McShea and partners

#### CANADA

Advisors to CPAWS on research and protected area management. J. Ray, A. Rabinowitz Conservation planning and research

in Ontario's Northern Boreal Forest. J. Ray

Trans-boundary conservation planning in the Northern Appalachians and the northeastern mesocarnivore initiative. J. Ray

Nahanni grizzly bear surveys: Redesign of a National Park and World Heritage Site. J. Weaver

Crowsnest Pass Highway: A crucial link for carnivores. J. Weaver Using models to define wildlife corridors in the Crowsnest Pass. C. Chetkiewicz

#### CROSS- AND INTERCONTINENTAL

Understanding wolf predation on domestic animals. A. Treves Survey attitudes toward wolves and perceptions of wolf management. L. Naughton Analyzing lethal and non-lethal

wolf depredation control. A. Treves

Conservation of red knots in the western hemisphere. L. Niles Conservation in native communities. J. Hilty, W. Maillet,

Development of the large carnivore guild model. A. Rabinowitz

#### PACIFIC WEST

J. Ray, J. Weaver

Effect of sudden oak death

syndrome on wildlife in the Pacific West, K. Fischer Woodpeckers and snag dynamics. S. Zack, K. Farris, and partners Riparian restoration, beavers and songbirds. S. Zack, H. Cooke, and partners Conservation of salmon-driven ecosystems. S. Zack Tundra nesting birds, predators, and development in the Arctic Coastal Plain. S. Zack, J. Liebezeit, and partners Wildlife, fire and forest management.

S. Zack, K. Farris, and partners

#### WESTERN MOUNTAINS

Wolverine ecology and conservation, R. Inman, K. Inman Cougar/wolf/bear interactions. T. Ruth, P. Buotte Carnivore connectivity in the Centennial Mountains. J. Beckman Moose and returning grizzlies and wolves. J. Berger Pronghorn migration conservation. J. Berger, K. Berger, J. Beckman Pronghorn, wolf, and coyote dynamics. K. Berger, J. Berger Setting priorities for wildlife conservation. C. Groves New Mexico black bear conservation, C. Costello

#### Central

NEW YORK WASHINGTON, D.C.

Science and Exploration Program. G. Schaller, A. Rabinowitz Living Landscapes Program. A. Vedder

WCS Institute, K. Redford Training and Capacity Building Program. W. Banham, M.L. Penn Foundations of Success. R. Margoluis, N. Salafsky, J. Davis, C. Stern

Conservation Finance. C. Quintela, R. Victurine, C. Rastas

BP Conservation Awards Partnership. J. Robinson, W. Banham

Zoological Society of London Collaboration, M. Hatchwell State of the Wild annual conservation publication. S. Guynup, J. Bruschini

Engaging local people in wildlife conservation: A survey of WCS approaches. A. Vedder

People and Parks: Assessing the human welfare impacts of establishing protected areas for biodiversity conservation. D. Wilkie

The Mannahatta Project. E. Sanderson

Bronx River Historical Ecology. E. Sanderson

## public affairs

PUBLIC AFFAIRS BROKE NEW GROUND THIS YEAR, TAKing the WCS conservation mission and messages to additional audiences in innovative ways. From forming strategic partnerships to increasing the WCS presence household by household, our Communications, TV and Media, Government Affairs, and Marketing departments raised awareness of WCS and built relationships with organizations and individuals that will lead to increased funding, higher zoo and aquarium attendance, and better policy-making.

We made great strides in raising WCS's public policy profile in Washington, D.C. WCS's new office in the capital developed a comprehensive government outreach program to bring WCS scientists and staff to congressional testimonies, briefings, and press conferences. Collaborating with major conservation organizations, WCS led a pioneering effort to draft a

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WCS also took a leadership role in passing the Marine Turtle Conservation Act, thanks to Capitol Hill testimony by John Robinson, senior vice president of International Conservation, and a concerted congressional and public outreach campaign. Alan Rabinowitz, director of Science and Exploration, successfully urged Con-

Rare Canids Act, a bill to increase conservation funding for over a dozen endangered felids and canids.

gress to introduce the Great Cats and

Shortly after Robert Cook, chief veterinarian, and James Breheny, associate general curator, helped New York City authorities remove a 400-pound tiger from a New York apartment, WCS generated thousands of e-mails and letters urging Congress to ban big cats as pets. In December 2003, Congress passed and President Bush signed the Captive Wildlife Safety Act. An important step in ending the big cat pet trade in the United States, the law bans the interstate trade and importation of big cats as pets. The new federal ban, however, does not prevent the big cat pet trade within the borders of 31 states, including New York. In July 2004, WCS worked with the New York State legislature to pass a law banning the private ownership of big cats and many other exotic pets.

WCS achieved record-breaking success as the only organization awarded three National Leadership Grants, the most competitive and prestigious honor awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Bronx Zoo Education Department received the largest award in its category to offer professional development for educators at small, infor-

mal science institutions. And Central Park Zoo, in collaboration with the Poet's House, received its first IMLS Leadership Award, to create a Poet-in-Residence program integrating poetry into exhibitions and gardens.

As a result of our City Council Outreach Program, WCS received more than \$16 million in capital funds for all five facilities. Additional funds were secured for renovation of the Bronx Zoo's Lion House, a shark exhibit at the aquarium, and big cat exhibits at the city zoos.

Continuing our vital support of the Bronx River, we awarded a second round of grants to local environmental groups through the WCS/NOAA Regional Partnership and the ongoing commitment of Congressman José E. Serrano. Projects range from pier stabilization to WCS's historical restoration of the

lower Bronx River watershed. In collaboration with Literacy Inc., the Community Affairs department continued its T.I.G.E.R.

port of literacy in our local public schools.
This year the program brought about 1,000 second-graders to the Bronx Zoo to visit new Mitsubishi Riverwalk.

Building upon the success of the Close Encounters public lecture series, WCS formed a multiyear partnership with the 92nd Street Y. The first season—a sell-out featured WCS CEO and President

Steven E. Sanderson, Senior Research Scientist Diana Reiss, Field Veterinarian William Karesh, Director of Science and Exploration Alan Rabinowitz, and Vice President of Science and Exploration George Schaller.

Communications targeted new media venues, including the opinion and editorial pages of major daily newspapers. Steve Sanderson's editorial on global wildlife health issues, "Killing Civets is Not the Way to Fight SARS," was prominently featured in the *International Herald Tribune*. The New York Times wrote a positive editorial in response to the news that WCS had, after more than a century, adopted the nickname of our flagship facility and officially named the Bronx Zoo . . . the Bronx Zoo. Senior Vice President and General Director of Living Institutions Richard Lattis's letter caution-

Tigers received significant media attention, from Living Institutions' staff rescuing a tiger from a New York City apartment, to Government Affairs' action on legislation banning big cats as pets, to Community Affairs' T.I.G.E.R. public school literacy program.



ing against big cats as pets was selected for inclusion in the Washington Post.

Key press hits brought WCS, its people, and programs before millions. Among them were the creation of Gabon's national parks on CNN and National Public Radio, and in *USA Today*; jaguar work in a *New York Times* feature by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Natalie Angier; our unique collaboration to reduce logging impacts in the Congo Basin in a special *Times* pull-out section that coincided with the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development; and our work to save Cuban crocodiles from extinction on *CBS Evening News*, exposing some 20 million viewers to our unique conservation programs.

On an entirely different level, Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* featured a smart piece on same-sex penguin pairs at the Central Park Zoo, with Director Dan Wharton doing a masterful job as WCS's on-air expert. And Bronx Zoo Tiger Mountain Keeper Nicole Rella was profiled in *Cosmopolitan* as a "Fun Fearless Female."

Our media relationship with the National Geographic Society (NGS) strengthened in its second year. In addition to featuring our work in numerous publications and films, NGS contributed support and hundreds of magnificent photos to the President of Gabon's second book, produced by WCS Gabon and the WCS Exhibits and Graphic Arts Department. The book will help attract the tourism and investment necessary to keep that country's new national parks system alive. Various NGS granting agencies funded conservation research and expeditions for the MegaFlyover, an aerial GPS survey of Africa's people and wildlife.

Three articles in *National Geographic* magazine, with a circulation of 6.7 million worldwide, featured WCS. Two of them were written by WCS staff, also a first in our history. Alan Rabinowitz described his grueling but successful struggle to create a tiger reserve in Myanmar's Hukawng Valley, and Mike Fay shared the joys and responsibilities of living and working in Gabon. In "Saving Africa's Edens," the magazine prominently featured WCS's work with the government of Gabon in the creation of its national parks.

Our first National Geographic Special, "In Search of the Jaguar," premiered in November, and reached more than 10 million households with Rabinowitz's passionate views on WCS's role in saving these magnificent cats. "Africa's Last Eden," a companion to the magazine story, featured WCS at work in Gabon and the challenges of carving parks out of the wilderness and protecting their wildlife.

In addition, we completed four of our first six children's books with HarperCollins: *Tigers*, *Whales*, *Gorillas*, and *Sharks*. Two books will follow in 2005, and a renewal of the series is imminent. We also produced the WCS identity film, *A* 

*Greenprint for Tomorrow*, as well as collaborated with the BBC on the series *Planet Earth*.

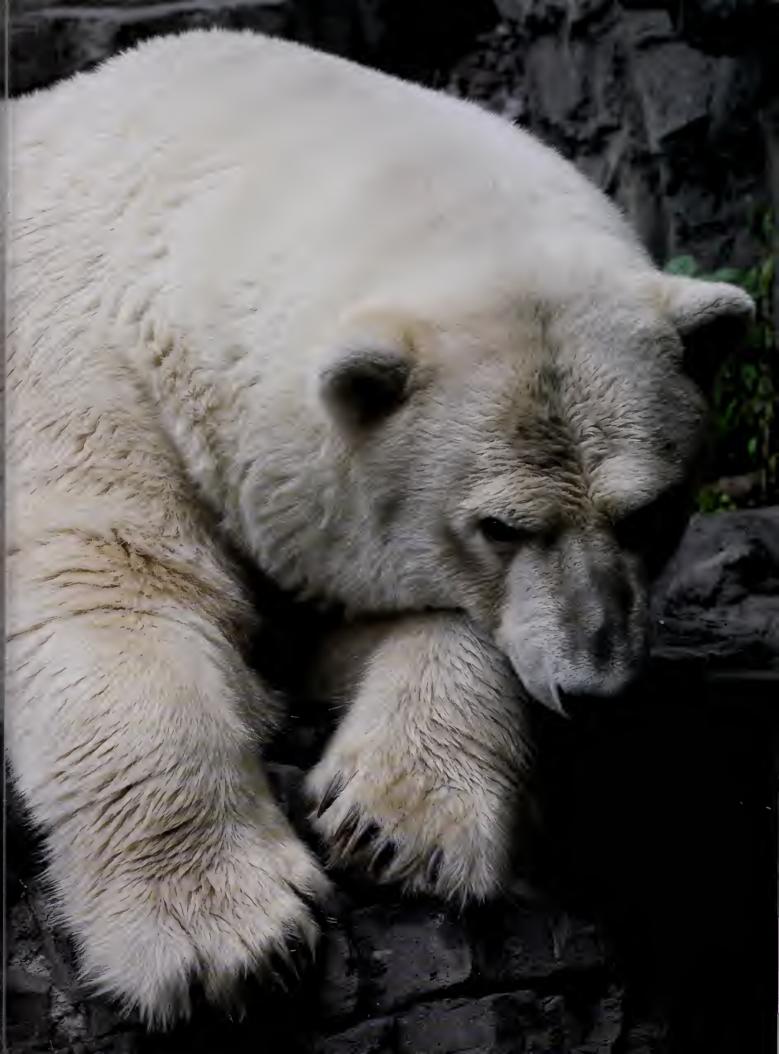
Marketing began to develop a consumer relation program designed to build and target a larger audience for WCS on all fronts. Through this grassroots effort, we are capturing valuable Living Institutions' visitor data and corresponding with new audiences via e-news distribution to more than 150,000 e-mail addresses locally and nationally, as well as through other communication vehicles. Additionally, the Group Sales staff rolled out an off-site visibility program at Bronx and Westchester County events, distributing WCS materials and enrolling participants in WCS's new e-mail campaigns to raise brand awareness.

This year, in a brand-new advertising strategy, WCS marketed all five of the Living Institutions under one umbrella. The "Extreme Summer" advertising and consumer promotions focused on unique traits of wild animals—from the biggest to the smallest, the most colorful to the best camouflaged. And for the first time in the Bronx Zoo's history, we extended our operating hours every Saturday in July for Summer Nights. The first Hispanic Heritage Weekend, in mid-September, was sponsored by EPPA. Well received by the community and guests alike, it brought in 22,000 people. Holiday Lights also realized a profit of more than \$200,000, achieved through careful reductions in expenses and enhancements of sponsorships.

Communications, Sponsorship, and Event Marketing collaborated with Archie Comics to develop a partnership that resulted in a special commemorative edition of *Archie* featuring the Bronx Zoo grizzly bears Archie, Jughead, Betty, and Veronica, as well as Senior Wild Animal Keeper Jeff Munson, Conservation Ecologist Joel Berger, and the Living Institutions' Animal Enrichment Program. A portion of the 25,000 copies of the commemorative edition donated to the zoo was distributed to children who attended the special Extreme Survivors Weekend.

Public Affairs exceeded its 2004 revenue goals and funding expectations on all fronts. Sponsorship inked a deal with Delta Air Lines, and renewed relationships with Norwegian Cruise Line, Fleet, and Amerada Hess, exceeding its revenue goal and raising \$2.52 million in cash and in-kind services. Group Sales had a 27 percent growth in revenue over the previous year. Corporate Events at all facilities exceeded goals with a combined revenue of \$566,241. Central Park Zoo and the New York Aquarium continued to grow their revenue from feature film shoots, which brought in more than \$83,000 in total.

Individual animals at our Living Institutions garnered remarkable media coverage for WCS during the year—from a giant alligator snapping turtle named Izzy, to snow leopard cub Biscuit, to polar bears at the Central Park Zoo (opposite).



## public affairs













year in review. Opposite, clockwise from top: Unveiling of "new" Bronx Zoo name; Bronx Zoo Poetry Safari winners; T.I.G.E.R. public school literacy program with Community Affairs Director Charles Vasser and Region 1 School Leadership Team Coordinator Joan Prince; WCS Corporate Relations and Special Events Director Dale Brooks receives check from Fuji Corporate Contributions and Community Affairs Director Judy Matson; Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Avril Dominguez, the 5,000th Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York recipient, turn on Holiday Lights 2003. This page, clockwise from top: Bronx Zoo visit by delegation from Benin, West Africa; celebration of Black History Month; former President Bill Clinton visits Congo Gorilla Forest; WCS staff honored for 20 years of service; WCS Trustee Julian and Josie Robertson with Mammal Department staff at Tiger Mountain.









## financial report FISCAL YEAR 2004

THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY CLOSED THE FISCAL year on June 30 with a small operating surplus; operating revenue and support exceeded expenditures by \$878,000 (sixtenths of one percent). This is the third year of significant improvement in financial performance, thanks to strong private contributions and government grant support, healthy attendance and related revenue, and careful expense controls.

Operating revenue and support rose by 12 percent from the prior year to \$145 million. Contributed support increased \$7 million, or 24 percent, to a new high of \$37 million, fueled by gifts and grants to our international conservation programs, which was leveraged by the Robert Wilson Challenge grant, and support of WCS core activities by several splendid foundation grants and the unstinting generosity of our trustees and friends. Visitation at our five parks recovered nicely from the previous year's disappointing results, increasing 9 percent to 3.9 million visitors. Revenue from admissions and guest services totaled \$39 million—a 25 percent increase, another

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record high, and the product of higher attendance, more effective pricing, and service improvements.

Total operating expenditures were \$144 million. Program services expenditures and on-site guest-related costs were \$124 million, increasing 11 percent in total. Expenditures for International Conservation activities grew rapidly again this year to \$44 million, a 37 percent increase, which represents more than a tripling of activity from the \$16 million expense level just five years ago. Expenditures for our Living Institutions—the Bronx Zoo, the New York Aquarium, and the City Zoos—totaled \$70 million, increasing 3 percent in the aggregate.

Controllable core expenses in many areas remained flat. Expense control is an important part of our budget-balancing efforts. However, like other institutions, WCS continues to absorb increases in expenses that are determined by external factors, most notably insurance costs, which rose sharply again due to industry trends, higher required pension contributions necessitated by weak investment markets in prior years, and the continued increase in the cost of health insurance for our staff. Administrative and support services, including fundraising and membership expenses, totaled \$16 million. Selective investments were made in financial, legal, fundraising, and other administrative services to manage effectively our growing programmatic activities in New York and throughout the world. Even so, support services made up a lean 11 percent of the expense base, unchanged from the prior year.

In FY 2002, WCS began to set aside a portion of unrestricted income in a facilities renewal fund to support with recurring revenues a portion of the infrastructure, equipment, and technology needs of our aging facilities. In FY 2004, that fund totaled \$4 million. It is our intention to add to this allocation over time as one component of a plan to finance facility needs.

Capital expenditures totaled \$14 million and included completion of two exhibits: a thick-billed parrot habitat at Queens Zoo, which opened to the public in July, and the Bronx Zoo's Mitsubishi Riverwalk, opened in April. Spending on construction of the New York Aquarium's new restaurant totaled nearly \$6 million. Funding was also provided for a number of important infrastructure and animal support facilities and planning for future exhibits at the Bronx Zoo and the aquarium.

Our balance sheet continued to strengthen, with total assets reaching \$685 million. Investment assets increased by \$44 million to a market value of \$377 million—the result of robust investment returns of 15.1 percent, \$5 million in new endowment gifts, and increases in other donor funds. The most notable change in the balance sheet is the addition of \$67 million in bonds payable. In February, WCS issued tax-exempt bonds through the New York State Trust for Cultural Resources. All bonds were issued with a fixed interest rate over 30 years, and WCS was able to take advantage of tax-exempt fixed rates near historic lows; our average interest cost is less than 4.6 percent. Through this bond issue, WCS raised a \$60 million construction fund, a crucial component of our plan to finance the capital needs of the Bronx Zoo and the Aquarium, in concert with governmental funds and private contributions. As part of the bond issuance, WCS completed the investment rating process with Standard and Poors and Moody's Investor Service, receiving equivalent AA bond ratings from Moody's (AA3) and Standard and Poors (AA-)—among the highest in the New York cultural community and peer conservation organizations.

This was a very successful year. Our wildlife parks, international conservation activities (right, sea lions off the coast of South America), and education programs continued to enjoy public and critical success. However, continued financial strength depends upon our success on several fronts. Foremost is the preservation of high public attendance and membership through the excellence of our living institutions and education programs, Our partnership with the City of New York, one of our most important and enduring assets, must be sustained. We must be constant in efforts to raise and diversify our revenue base and control expenses. Finally, we must continue to develop and support the individuals who make up the WCS staff in New York and in our field programs throughout the world. They are the greatest source of our distinction and our energy. As we look ahead, it is their creativity, talents, and dedication that will sustain our institution and its fiscal strength.



### Operating Revenues and Expenses YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 (COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR 2003)

	\$ THO	USANDS	
REVENUE	2004	2003	
Contributed	\$37,449	\$30,312	
Membership Dues	8,246	7,730	
Investment Income	15,854	16,392	
City of New York	23,669	24,135	
New York State	2,448	1,904	
Federal Agencies	10,521	10,555	
Non-governmental Organization Grants	3,008	1,819	
Gate and Exhibit Admissions	22,249	17,704	
Visitor Services	16,667	13,527	
Education Programs	1,355	1,265	
Sponsorship, Licensing, and Royalties	1,626	1,513	
Other	1,896	2,277	
Total Revenue	\$144,988	\$129,133	
EXPENDITURES			
Program Services			
Bronx Zoo	\$43,002	\$42,475	
New York Aquarium	10,243	9,648	
City Zoos	13,706	13,101	
International Programs	43,777	31,843	
Wildlife Conservation Magazine	1,351	1,415	
Lower Bronx Habitat Restoration	1,923	5,255	
Total Program Services	\$114,002	\$103,737	
Visitor Services	\$10,122	\$9,304	
Supporting Services			
Management and General	\$10,236	\$8,950	
Membership	2,454	2,557	
Fundraising	3,296	2,907	
Total Supporting Services	\$15,986	\$14,414	
Plant Renewal Funding	4,000	2,000	
Total Expenses and Plant Renewal Funding	\$144,110	\$129,455	
Excess of Expenses and Plant Renewal Funding Over I	Revenues \$878	\$(322)	

A copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request.

### Consolidated Balance Sheets JUNE 30, 2004, AND 2003

ASSETS	\$ THOU	\$ THOUSANDS	
	2004	2003	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$38,355	\$30,926	
Accounts Receivable	2,169	1,803	
Receivable from the City of New York	7,076	9,551	
Receivable from the State of New York	3,436	1,901	
Receivable from Federal Sources	22,340	24,426	
Grants and Pledges Receivable	15,317	19,849	
Inventories	1,506	1,244	
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges	8,198	7,056	
Investments	376,688	332,591	
Amounts Held in Trust by Others	933	192	
Funds Held by Bond Trustee	60,574		
Property and Equipment	148,225	147,214	
Total Assets	\$684,817	\$576,753	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$21,212	\$17,762	
Amounts Held on Behalf of Others	3,000	1,250	
Annuity Liability	2,659	2,098	
Borrowing Under Line of Credit		10,500	
Bonds Payable	66,831		
Post Retirement Benefit Obligation	14,718	13,606	
Total Liabilities	\$108,420	\$45,216	
Net Assets			
Unrestricted:			
Designated for Long-term Investment	152,050	116,027	
Investment in Property and Equipment	143,658	147,214	
Total Unrestricted	\$295,708	\$263,241	
Temporarily Restricted	83,961	76,377	
Permanently Restricted	196,728	191,919	
Total Net Assets	\$576,397	\$531,537	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$684,817	\$576,753	

## wcs events





SAFARI! GALA. More than 600 attended the spring Gala, held on May 26

at Central Park Zoo. Honored this year: National Geographic Society President and CEO, John M. Fahey, Jr. and National Geographic photographer Nick Nichols. Alli-

son and Leonard Stern were Honorary Event Chairs. Susan and Jack Rudin, Ashley R. Schiff, Virginia and Warren Schwerin, and Ann and Thomas Unterberg were Gala Co-Chairs. Opposite, clockwise from top left: Jamee Gregory, Honorary Event Chair and WCS Trustee Allison Stern, Susie Hayes; Gala Co-Chair and WCS Trustee Ann Unterberg and Thomas Unterberg; Warren Schwerin and Gala Co-Chair and WCS Trustee Virginia Schwerin; Mayor Michael Bloomberg, WCS Chairman of the Board David T. Schiff, WCS Trustee Norma Dana, WCS President and CEO Steven Sanderson; Steve Sanderson, John Fahey, Nick Nichols, David Schiff; Vasthi Acosta, WCS Trustee Rolando T. Acosta; President of Mitsubishi International Corporation Foundation James Brumm and Yuko Brumm.

■ DINNER ON THE SEA, held on the glasstop Bateaux New York on September 14, honored Vikki Spruill, President of SeaWeb. This page, clockwise from top left: Warren Schwerin, WCS Trustee Virginia Schwerin, WCS Trustee Joyce Moss, George Moss; WCS Trustee, New York Aquarium Committee Chair, and Event Co-Chair Brian Heidtke and Darlene Heidtke; Brian Heidtke, Vikki Spruill, Aquarium Director Paul Boyle, and Steve Sanderson; WCS Trustee Ward W. Woods and Priscilla Woods; Donald Zucker and WCS Trustee Barbara Zucker.



## wcs events





BASH, at Central Park Zoo. Held on October 13, the Business Bash honored Goldman, Sachs &

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Co. for their gift to WCS of over 680,000 acres to ensure conservation in

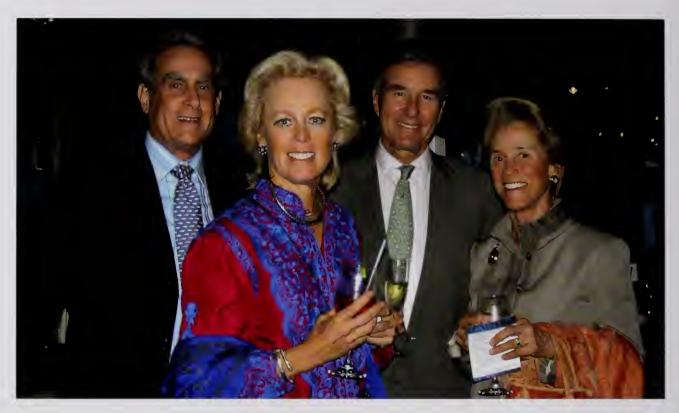
Chile. Gala Co-Chairs were Eugene R. McGrath, Chairman and CEO of Con

Edison, and Ward W. Woods, Founding Partner, Bessemer Securities Corporation. Opposite, clockwise from top left: WCS Trustee and Gala Co-Chair Eugene McGrath, Schering-Plough CEO Fred Hassan, Goldman Sachs and Co. Chairman and CEO Henry M. Paulson, Jr., WCS Advisor Merritt Paulson, Wendy Paulson; Congressman Elliott Engel, WCS Trustee and Gala Co-Chair Ward W. Woods; WCS Trustee Jonathan Cohen, Goldman Sach & Co.'s John F. W. Rogers; Henry Paulson, WCS President and CEO Steven E. Sanderson; Goldman Sachs & Co.'s Brad Gillman, Larry Linden, Henry Paulson, Bob Christie; Curator of Mammals Pat Thomas, Brad Gillman, Eliane Gillman; Katy McCormick, Goldman Sachs & Co.'s Eileen White, Nature Conservancy President Steve McCormick; David T. Schiff, WCS Trustee Howard Phipps, Allison Morrow.

ENTRAL PARK ZOO

■ AN EVENING AT CENTRAL PARK ZOO, hosted by the Conservation Council, chaired by Stephanie Borynack, Adair Byers, Lauren Kisner, was held on June 17. This page, clockwise from top: Barbara Stowe, Co-Chair Adair Byers; Co-Chair Lauren Kisner, Council Member Daniel Barnosky; John Blondel, Co-Chair Stephanie Borynack, Council Member Blair Endresen; Volckert VanReesema, Olivia Pirovano, Peter Manice, Melissa Berkelhammer; Kerith Davies, Council Member Christopher Manice, Sarah Gregg, Amanda Meigher.





At Dinner on the Sea: Hank Lowenstein, WCS Trustees Edith McBean and Ward W. Woods, and Priscilla Woods

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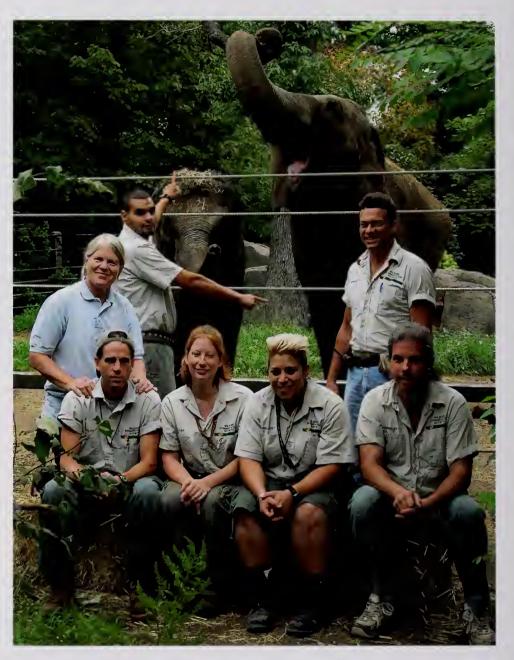
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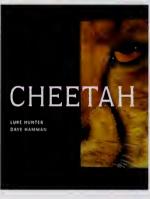
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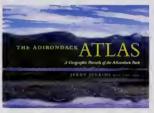
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## facts, awards, credits

- The New York Aquarium was awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to research message delivery methods for an interpretive exhibit focusing on dolphin cognition, with the goal of changing how dolphins and other marine mammals are exhibited and understood by the public. Central Park Zoo also received an IMLS grant, to create its first Poet-in-Residence program, to offer visitors a fully integrated poetry experience. Working with the not-for-profit Poet's House, the zoo selected acclaimed poet Sandra Alcosser to identify poems that convey the importance and spirit of conservation.
- George Schaller received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, and the Salim Ali Conservation Award from the Bombay Natural History Society.
- Alan Rabinowitz received the Lowell Thomas Award from the Explorers Club for his achievements to protect jaguars, leopards, and tigers.
- Graham Harris won the prestigious Biodiversity Leadership Award from the Bay Foundation and the Josephine Bay Paul and C. Michael Paul Foundation, for his lifelong commitment to defending terrestrial wildlife in southernmost South America.
- The Pew Institute for Ocean Science and its Pew Fellows Program in Marine Conservation named Claudio Campagna a Marine Conservation Fellow. Campagna specializes in large marine mammals for the National Research Council of Argentina and is spearheading WCS's Sea & Sky Initiative to improve fishery management in the southwest Atlantic Ocean.
- UNESCO awarded World Heritage Site status to two long-term WCS sites, Mamirauá and Amanã Sustainable Development Reserves in Brazil. The designation means that the site is considered important for humanity, and for that reason will have access to special sources of financing to guarantee its preservation.
- Condé Nast Traveler Magazine named Brazil's Mamirauá Sustainable Development Reserve, a long-term WCS site, the top Ecotourism Destination for 2003. Chosen from almost 100 nominees around the world, Mamirauá's ecotourism program was singled out for its preservation of the natural environment and support of local populations. Mamirauá also won the prestigious Smithsonian Magazine/TCF Sustainable Tourism Award in the conservation category.
- The Sociedade Civil Mamirauá, a Brazilian NGO and WCS partner, was one of the winners of the Equator Prize 2004, a biennial award of the Equatorial Initiative. The award is in recognition of the work of community initiatives implemented in the equatorial belt, which have promoted the reduction of poverty through conservation and the sustainable use of biodiversity.
- Joe Walston, with WCS Cambodia, received a gold medal from Prime Minister Hun Sen for his contributions to conservation in that country.
- Michael Klemens was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Westchester County Parks Department, New York, for efforts to safeguard Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.
- Bronx Zoo Herpetology Curator John Behler was honored as the South Fork Natural History Society's Man of the Year for his reptile and amphibian conservation work.

OPERATING EXPENSES	
Bronx Zoo	\$43,002,000
New York Aquarium	10,243,000
City Zoos	13,706,000
International Conservation	43,777,000
Lower Bronx River	
Habitat Restoration	1,923,000
Wildlife Conservation Magazine	1,351,000
Total Program Expenses	\$114,002,000
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#### ATTENDANCE AT WCS FACILITIES

Bronx Zoo		1,93/,43
Congo Gorilla Forest	683,568	
Butterfly Zone	217,931	
Children's Zoo	363,561	
Zoo Shuttle	228,392	
Bengali Express	335,917	
Skyfari	407,612	
New York Aquarium		703,96
Central Park Zoo		885,53
		222.02

703,969
885,539
222,834
202,810
3,952,810

#### MEMBERSHIP AND MAGAZINE

Members	87,121
Wildlife Conservation circulation	161,310

#### ANIMAL CENSUS Bronx Zoo

Mammals

2,375 animals of 131 species 1,005 births

Birds

972 animals of 201 species 92 hatchings

Reptiles and Amphibians 851 animals of 134 specie

851 animals of 134 species 128 births and hatchings

#### Children's Zoo, Bronx Zoo

Mammals

203 animals of 37 species 16 births

Birds

169 animals of 40 species

Reptiles and Amphibians 196 animals of 38 species

#### New York Aquarium

Mammals

25 animals of 8 species Birds

26 animals of 1 species Reptiles and Amphibians



23 animals of 4 species

2,394 animals of 250 species

26 births

Invertebrates 9,054 animals of 143 species

#### St. Catherines Wildlife Survival Center

Mammals

147 animals of 16 species 42 births and hatchings rds 164 animals of 36 species 11 hatchings

Reptiles

170 animals of 7 species 26 hatchings

#### Central Park Zoo

Mammals

255 animals of 24 species 650 births

Birds

271 birds of 63 species

73 hatchings Reptiles and Amphibians 1,049 of 48 species 3 births and hatchings

#### Oueens Zoo

Mammals

111 animals of 22 species 14 births

Birds

217 animals of 36 species

52 animals of 8 species

#### Prospect Park Zoo

Mammals

105 animals of 22 species 32 births

Birds

89 animals of 30 species 13 hatchings

Reptiles and Amphibians

223 animals of 41 species 26 births and hatchings

#### Total WCS Census

19,141 animals of 1,340 species



WCS began working on Argentina's
Patagonia coast in 1964 to protect colonies
of Magellanic penguins, South American
sea lions, and southern elephant seals.
Above, Conservation Zoologist Claudio
Campagna with a radio-tagged elephant seal.
Opposite: Degus in the Bronx Zoo's
Mouse House.

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